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Dear Patient,

Occasionally, you request medical care provided exclusively by a female physician or exclusively by a male physician. While we respect such requests to the extent that operational procedure permit, we cannot offer a commitment. The three (3) physicians who continue obstetrical care in this practice share call on an equal, rotating basis. The physician on call during our primary physician's absence, after office hours or on weekend/holiday may be a physician of other gender.

Less frequently, a patient informs us that she will not accept infusion of any blood or blood products. Our physicians agree that they cannot in good conscience remain responsible for a patient's medical care under a restriction that has potentially fatal consequences.

Should a patient remain unwilling to accept the possibility of receiving care from a physician of either gender or steadfastly reject infusion of any blood or blood product we advise the patient to select another obstetrician/gynecologist outside this medical practice. Please advise staff member so that they can discontinue your care with us.

We trust you understand our collective position on these important issues.

Sincerely,  
Drs. Goldsmith, Waxman, Bridges and Trussell  
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