- In response to a warrant, summons, court order, subpoena or similar legal process
- To identify/locate a suspect, material witness, fugitive or missing person
- In an emergency, to report a crime (including the location or victim(s) of the crime, or the description, identity or location of the perpetrator)
- directors to perform their jobs. individual or to identify the cause of death. If necessary, we also may release information in order for funeral Deceased Patients. Our practice may release IIHI to a medical examiner or coroner to identify a deceased
- donation and transplantation if you are an organ donor. tissue procurement or transplantation, including organ donation banks, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue Organ and Tissue Donation. Our practice may release your IIHI to organizations that handle organ, eye or
- request it, to provide us with proof of death prior to access to the IIHI of the decedents. researcher agrees either orally or in writing that the use or disclosure is necessary for the research and, if we of your IIHI from our practice; or (c) the IIHI sought by the researcher only relates to decedents and the or written agreement of a researcher that (i) the information being sought is necessary for the research study; (ii) our use or disclosure was approved by an Institutional Review Board or a Privacy Board; (b) we obtain the oral circumstances. We will obtain your written authorization to use your IIHI for research purposes except when: (a) 7. Research. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI for research purposes in certain limited the use or disclosure of your IIHI is being used only for the research and (iii) the researcher will not remove any
- Under these circumstances, we will only make disclosures to a person or organization able to help prevent the or prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of another individual or the public. 8. Serious Threats to Health or Safety. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI when necessary to reduce
- (including veterans) and if required by the appropriate authorities. Military. Our practice may disclose your IIHI if you are a member of U.S. or foreign military forces
- President, other officials or foreign heads of state, or to conduct investigations. National Security. Our practice may disclose your IIHI to federal officials for intelligence and national security activities authorized by law. We also may disclose your IIHI to federal officials in order to protect the
- necessary: (a) for the institution to provide health care services to you, (b) for the safety and security of the are an immate or under the custody of a law enforcement official. Disclosure for these purposes would be Inmates. Our practice may disclose your IIHI to correctional institutions or law enforcement officials if you institution, and/or (c) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of other individuals.
- 12. Workers' Compensation. Our practice may release your IIHI for workers' compensation and similar

E. YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR IIHI
You have the following rights regarding the IIHI that we maintain about you:

- be contacted. Our practice will accommodate reasonable requests. You do not need to give a reason for your #401, Leesburg, Florida 34748, specifying the requested method of contact, or the location where you wish to a written request to OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza contact you at home, rather than work. In order to request a type of confidential communication, you must make your health and related issues in a particular manner or at a certain location. For instance, you may ask that we 1. Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that our practice communicate with you about
- bound by our agreement except when otherwise required by law, in emergencies, or when the information is family members and friends. We are not required to agree to your request; however, if we do agree, we are 2. Requesting Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction in our use or disclosure of your IIHI for necessary to treat you. In order to request a restriction in our use or disclosure of your IIHI, you must make your disclosure of your IIHI to only certain individuals involved in your care or the payment for your care, such as treatment, payment or health care operations. Additionally, you have the right to request that we restrict our

#401, Leesburg, Florida 34748. Your request must describe in a clear and concise fashion: request in writing to OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza

- the information you wish restricted;
- whether you are requesting to limit our practice's use, disclosure or both; and
- to whom you want the limits to apply.
- Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza #401, Leesburg, Florida 34748 in order to inspect and/or obtain a copy of your notes. You must submit your request in writing to OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East decisions about you, including patient medical records and billing records, but not including psychotherapy you may request a review of our denial. Another licensed health care professional chosen by us will conduct request. Our practice may deny your request to inspect and/or copy in certain limited circumstances; however IIHI. Our practice may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, labor and supplies associated with your Inspection and Copies. You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of the IIHI that may be used to ma
- 4. Amendment. You may ask us to amend your health information if you believe it is incorrect or incomplete and you may request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for our practice. To request an practice, unless the individual or entity that created the information is not available to amend the information. practice; (c) not part of the IIHI which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or (d) not created by our amend information that is in our opinion: (a) accurate and complete; (b) not part of the IIHI kept by or for the request (and the reason supporting your request) in writing. Also, we may deny your request if you ask us to reason that supports your request for amendment. Our practice will deny your request if you fail to submit you P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza #401, Leesburg, Florida 34748. You must provide us with a amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida
- treatment or operations purposes. Use of your IIHI as part of the routine patient care in our practice is not time period, which may not be longer than six (6) years from the date of disclosure and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. The first list you request within a 12-month period is free of charge, but our practice may submit your request in writing to OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, using your information to file your insurance claim. In order to obtain an accounting of disclosures, you must required to be documented. For example, the doctor sharing information with the nurse; or the billing departm Accounting of Disclosures. All of our patients have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures." Ar involved with additional requests, and you may withdraw your request before you incur any costs. charge you for additional lists within the same 12-month period. Our practice will notify you of the costs Medical Plaza #401, Leesburg, Florida 34748. All requests for an "accounting of disclosures" must state a "accounting of disclosures" is a list of certain non-routine disclosures our practice has made of your IIHI for no
- practices. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time. To obtain a paper copy of this notice contact OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza #401, Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You are entitled to receive a paper copy of our notice of privacy Leesburg, Florida 34748.
- with our practice, contact OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza #401, Leesburg, Florida 34748. All complaints must be submitted in writing. You will not be penalize with our practice or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint Right to File a Complaint. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complain for filing a complaint.
- 8. Right to Provide an Authorization for Other Uses and Disclosures. Our practice will obtain your written described in the authorization. Please note, we are required to retain records of your care writing. After you revoke your authorization, we will no longer use or disclose your IIHI for the reasons authorization you provide to us regarding the use and disclosure of your IIHI may be revoked at any time in authorization for uses and disclosures that are not identified by this notice or permitted by applicable law. Any

OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A., 601 East Dixie Avenue, Medical Plaza #401, Leesburg. Again, if you have any questions regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies, please contact

IF YOU CANNOT READ THIS, PLEASE ADVISE THE STAFF

Effective Date of This Notice: April 1, 2003

OB-GYN ASSOCIATES of Mid-Florida, P.A. NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

As Required by the Privacy Regulations Created as a Result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU (AS A PATIENT OF THIS PRACTICE) MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED, AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO YOUR INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

. OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PRIVACY

Our practice is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your individually identifiable health information (IIHI). In conducting our business, we will create records regarding you and the treatment and services we provide to you. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of health information that identifies you. We also are required by law to provide you with this notice of our legal duties and the privacy practices that we maintain in our practice concerning your IIHI. By federal and state law, we must follow the terms of the notice of privacy practices that we have in effect at the time.

We realize that these laws are complicated, but we must provide you with the following important information:

- How we may use and disclose your IIHI
- Your privacy rights in your IIHI
- Our obligations concerning the use and disclosure of your IIHI

The terms of this notice apply to all records containing your IIHI that are created or retained by our practice. We reserve the right to revise or amend this Notice of Privacy Practices. Any revision or amendment to this notice will be effective for all of your records that our practice has created or maintained in the past, and for any of your records that we may create or maintain in the future. Our practice will post a copy of our current Notice in our offices in a visible logation at all times and on our website at www.OBGTNASSOCIATESOFMIDFLORIDAPA.yourmd.com, and you may request a copy of our most current Notice at any time.

B. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NOTICE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PRIVACY OFFICER: Penny Feagle at 601 E. Dixie Avenue, Leesburg, Florida 34748 or by phone at 352-787-1535.

C. WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION (IIHI) IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

The following categories describe the different ways in which we may use and disclose your IIHI.

- 1. Treatment. Our practice may use your IIHI to treat you. For example, we may ask you to have laboratory tests (such as blood or unine tests), and we may use the results to help us reach a diagnosis. We might use your IIHI in order to write a prescription for you, or we might disclose your IIHI to a pharmacy when we order a prescription for you. Many of the people who work for our practice including, but not limited to, our doctors and nurses may use or disclose your IIHI in order to treat you or to assist others in your treatment. Additionally, with your consent, we may disclose your IIHI to others who may assist in your care, such as your spouse, children or parents.
- 2. Payment. With your consent, our practice may use and disclose your IIHI in order to bill and collect payment for the services and items you may receive from us. For example, we may contact your health insurer to certify that you are eligible for benefits (and for what range of benefits), and we may provide your insurer with details regarding your treatment to determine if your insurer will cover, or pay for, your treatment. We also may use and disclose your IIHI to obtain payment from third parties that may be responsible for such costs, such as family members. Also, we may use your IIHI to bill you directly for services and items.
- Health Care Operations. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI to operate our business. As examples of the ways in which we may use and disclose your information for our operations, our practice may use your

IIHI to evaluate the quality of care you received from us, or to conduct cost-management and business planning activities for our practice.

- Appointment Reminders. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI to contact you and remind you of a appointment.
- Treatment Options. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI to inform you of potential treatment options or alternatives.
- Health-Related Benefits and Services. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI to inform you of healt related benefits or services that may be of interest to you.
- 7. Release of Information to Family/Friends. With your consent, our practice may release your IIHI to a friend or family member that is involved in your care, or who assists in taking care of you. For example, a pare or guardian may ask that a babysitter take their child to the pediatrician's office for treatment of a cold. In this example, the babysitter may have access to this child's medical information.
- 8. Disclosures Required By Law. Our practice will use and disclose your IIHI when we are required to do so by federal, state or local law.

D. USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR IIHI IN CERTAIN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The following categories describe unique scenarios in which we may use or disclose your identifiable health information:

- Public Health Risks. Our practice may disclose your IIHI to public health authorities that are authorized by law to collect information for the purpose of:
- maintaining vital records, such as births and deaths
- reporting child abuse or neglect
- preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability
- notifying a person regarding potential exposure to a communicable disease
- notifying a person regarding a potential risk for spreading or contracting a disease or condition
- reporting reactions to drugs or problems with products or devices
- notifying individuals if a product or device they may be using has been recalled
- notifying appropriate government agency(ies) and authority(ies) regarding the potential abuse or neglect c an adult patient (including domestic violence); however, we will only disclose this information if the patie agrees or we are required or authorized by law to disclose this information
 - notifying your employer under limited circumstances related primarily to workplace injury or illness or medical surveillance.
- Health Oversight Activities. Our practice may disclose your IIHI to a health oversight agency for activitie:
 authorized by law. Oversight activities can include, for example, investigations, inspections, audits, surveys,
 licensure and disciplinary actions; civil, administrative, and criminal procedures or actions; or other activities
 necessary for the government to monitor government programs, compliance with civil rights laws and the healt
 care system in general.
- 3. Lawsuits and Similar Proceedings. Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI in response to a court or administrative order, if you are involved in a lawsuit or similar proceeding. We also may disclose your IIHI in response to a discovery request, subpoena, or other lawful process by another party involved in the dispute, but only if we have made an effort to inform you of the request or to obtain an order protecting the information the party has requested.
- 4. Law Enforcement. We may release IIHI if asked to do so by a law enforcement official:
- · Regarding a crime victim in certain situations, if we are unable to obtain the person's agreement
- Concerning a death we believe has resulted from criminal conduct
 - Regarding criminal conduct at our offices

Notice of Privacy Practices Lake OB-GYN Associates of Mid-Florida, LLC

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH

INFORMATION: Described as follows are the ways we may use and disclose health information that identifies you (Health information). Except for the following purposes, we will use and disclose Health Information only with your written permission. You may revoke such permission at any time by writing to our practice.

Treatment:

We may use and disclose Health Information for your treatment and to provide you with treatment-related health care services. For example, we may disclose Health Information to doctors, nurses, technicians, or other personnel, including people outside our office, who are involved in your medical care and need the information to provide you with medical care.

Payment

We may use and disclose Health Information so that we or others may bill and receive payment from you, an insurance company, or a third party for the treatment and services you received. For example, we may give your health plan information so that they will pay for your treatment.

Healthcare Operations:

We may use and disclose Health Information for health care operation purposes. These uses and disclosures are necessary to make sure that all of our patients receive quality care and to operate and manage our office. For example, we may use and disclose information to make sure the obstetrical or gynecological care you receive is of the highest quality. We also may share information with other entities that have a relationship with you (for example, your health plan) for their health care operation activities.

Appointment Reminders, Treatment Alternatives and Health Related Benefits and Services. We may use and disclose Health Information to contact you and to remind you that you have an appointment with us. We also may use and disclose Health Information to tell you about treatment alternatives or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. Individuals Involved in Your Care or Payment for

Your Care. When appropriate, we may share Health Information with a person who is involved in your medical care or payment for your care, such as your family or a close friend. We also may notify your family about your location or general condition or disclose such information to an entity assisting in a disaster relief effort.

Research. Under certain circumstances, we may use and disclose Health Information for research. For example, a research project may involve comparing the health of patients who received one treatment to those who received another, for the same condition. Before we use or disclose Health Information for research, the project will go through a special approval process. Even without special approval, we may permit researchers to look at records to help them identify patients who may be included in their research project or for other similar purposes, as long as they do not remove or take a copy of any Health Information.

Fundraising Activities. We may use or disclose your Protected Health Information, as necessary, in order to contact you for fundraising activities. You have the right to opt out of receiving fundraising communications. (Optional) If you do not want to receive these materials, please submit a written request to the Privacy Officer.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS:

As Required by Law. We will disclose Health Information when required to do so by international, federal, state or local law. To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety. We may use and disclose Health Information when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. Disclosures, however, will be made only to someone who may be able to help prevent the threat.

Business Associates. We may disclose Health Information to our business associates that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is necessary for such functions or services. For example, we may use another company to perform billing services on our behalf. All of our business associates are obligated to protect the privacy of your information and are not allowed to use or disclose any information other than as specified in our contract.

Data Breach Notification Purposes. We may use your contact information to provide legally-required notices of unauthorized acquisition, access, or disclosure of your health information. We may send notice directly to you or provide notice to the sponsor of your plan through which you receive coverage.

Organ and Tissue Donation. If you are an organ donor, we may use or release Health Information to organizations that handle organ procurement or other entities engaged in procurement; banking or transportation of organs, eyes, or tissues to facilitate organ, eye or tissue donation; and transplantation.

Military and Veterans. If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release Health Information as required by military command authorities. We also may release Health Information to the appropriate foreign military authority if you are a member of a foreign military.

Workers' Compensation. We may release Health Information for workers' compensation or similar programs. These programs provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness. Public Health Risks. We may disclose Health Information for public health activities. These activities generally include disclosures to prevent or control disease, injury or disability; report births and deaths; report child abuse or neglect; report reactions to medications or problems with products; notify people of recalls of products they may be using; a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition; and the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law.

YOUR RIGHTS:

You have the following rights regarding Health Information we have about you:

Access to electronic records. The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. HITECH Act allows people to ask for electronic copies of their PHI contained in electronic health records or to request in writing or electronically that another person receive an electronic copy of these records. The final omnibus rules expand an individual's right to access electronic records or to direct that they be sent to another person to include not only electronic health records but also any records in one or more designated record sets. If the individual requests an electronic copy, it must be provided in the format requested or in a mutually agreed-upon format. Covered entities may charge individuals for the cost of any electronic media (such as a USB flash drive) used to provide a copy of the electronic PHI.

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have a right to inspect and copy Health Information that may be used to make decisions about your care or payment for your care. This includes medical and billing records, other than psychotherapy notes. To inspect and copy this Health Information, you must make your request, in writing.

Right to Amend. If you feel that Health Information we have is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for our office. To request an amendment, you must make your request in writing.

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Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to request a list of certain disclosures we made of Health Information for purposes other than treatment, payment and health care operations or for which you provided written authorization. To request an accounting of disclosures, you must make your request, in writing.

Right to Request Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the Health Information we use or disclose for treatment, payment, or health care operations. You also have the right to request a limit on the Health Information we disclose to someone involved in your care or the payment for your care, like a family member or friend. For example, you could ask that we not share information about a particular diagnosis or treatment with your spouse. To request a restriction, you must make your request, in writing.

We are not required to agree to your request. If we agree, we will comply with your request unless the information is needed to provide you with emergency treatment.

Right to Request Confidential communication. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you by mail or at work. To request confidential communication, you must make your request, in writing. Your request must specify how or where you wish to be contacted. We will accommodate reasonable requests.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time.

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE:

We reserve the right to change this notice and make the new notice apply to Health Information we already have as well as any information we receive in the future. We will post a copy of our current notice at our office. The notice will contain the effective date on the first page, in the top right-hand comer.

COMPLAINTS:

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with our office or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. All complaints must be made in writing.

You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

Please sign the accompanying "Acknowledgement" form.

Penny Feagle 601 E. Dixie Avenue, Suite 401 Leesburg, FL 34748 Office: (352) 787-1535 Fax: (352) 787-5310

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