

Our office is currently accepting a limited number of new patients. We are seeing patients for annual exams, treatment of abnormal pap smears, birth control, low-risk pregnancy, vaginal rejuvenation, endometrial ablation, and many gynecologic conditions such as menopause and heavy periods.

Please complete all the forms in the new patient packet and mail, fax, or bring them to the office, along with a copy of your insurance card (front and back). Our office will review them and call you to schedule an appointment. Please refer to our website to see if we are a provider on your medical insurance plan.

1) What do you need to be seen for?: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2) Have you been treated for this problem in the past? If yes, what doctor, when, and how?  
Have you had any gynecologic surgeries? If yes, what doctor, when, and what surgery?  
If yes, please download a release of medical records form and fax it / mail it to your old doctor.

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\_\_\_\_\_

3) What is your Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Control Method: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Are you currently planning / trying to get pregnant? \_\_\_\_\_

## **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME CONDITIONS THAT OUR OFFICE DOES NOT TREAT.**

Our office does NOT provide care for pediatric patients (under the age of 16).

For pregnancy: Our office does NOT perform abortions, treat infertility, provide care for midwife patients, perform VBACs, or provide prenatal care for very high-risk patients, including:

- Patients with pre-pregnancy diabetes, seizure disorder, chronic high blood pressure, lupus, severe obesity, large fibroids, triplet pregnancy, or patients taking chronic blood thinners, suboxone, methadone, marijuana or other illicit drugs.

For gynecology: Our office does NOT treat cancer, bladder or rectal incontinence, interstitial cystitis, vaginal mesh erosions, vulvodynia / vestibular vulvitis, chronic vaginitis / desquamative vaginitis, severe endometriosis, perform surgery on high risk patients, or do pessary care, Essure coil placement / removal, or sexual assault / rape exams.

Our office is NOT a primary care office or walk-in clinic. We do NOT provide care for chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, thyroid disease, hemorrhoids) or for acute medical conditions (such as kidney stones, rashes, flu). We do NOT perform COVID19 testing. We do NOT provide emergency care services or offer same-day appointments.

## PATIENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (UPDATED 9/2023)

Please provide your current insurance card and your driver's license to the receptionist to photocopy. Please inform us at every visit if there have been updates to your insurance or demographic information. Forms and office policies are available for download at [Amberhealthcareforwomen.com](http://Amberhealthcareforwomen.com)

Patient Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address P.O./Box/Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone number for us to call: ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Cell

Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest relative not living with you: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our practice? ☐ Website ☐ Word of Mouth ☐ Doctor referral ☐ Other:  
☐ Insurance Provider List ☐ Practice Brochure ☐ Magazine Ad ☐ Dignity Physician Referral Line ☐ Facebook

Person responsible for this account: \_\_\_\_\_ Self Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a secondary insurance? Secondary Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL POLICIES AND ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges for services rendered. I understand that Dr. Cheryl Serr / Amber Health Care for Women will bill my insurance plan and bill me for any remaining balance - such as charges applied towards my deductible or co-pays, and for services not covered by my insurance plan. I hereby give lifetime authorization for payment of insurance or Medicare benefits to be directly to Dr. Serr for services rendered. I understand and agree to abide by the following practice policies: Co-payments are due at time of service; delinquent balances that remain unpaid beyond 30 days may be assigned late-fee service charge (not to exceed the maximum rate permissible by law); delinquent balances that remain unpaid beyond 90 days will be assigned to a collections agency; patients who are assigned to collections will be dismissed from the practice; the practice reserves the right to charge up to a \$150 fee to patients who "no-show" to appointments or cancel with less than 24 hours notice. In the event of default, I agree to pay all costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees. I further agree that a photocopy of this agreement shall be as valid as the original.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient / Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices and  
Authorization to Disclose Health Information and / or Leave Electronic Messages**

Under the Patient Privacy Act, the use and disclosure of a patient's private health information is limited to strictly defined situations. These are explained in our NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES, which is available for review or copy in our waiting room, and available for download or download from our practice website. I hereby acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to read a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices for Amber Health Care for Women.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: It is our general office policy to notify our patients:

- 1) by phone for all biopsy results (normal or abnormal)
- 2) by mail (sent directly from the lab) for normal pap smear results
- 3) by mail (sent directly from the radiology center) for normal mammogram results
- 4) by mail (sent from our office) for other normal test results
- 5) by phone (and by mail if we cannot reach you by phone) for abnormal results, for results that necessitate further testing or treatment, and for lab problems (such as an inadequate specimen).

If you do not hear from our office by two weeks after tests are performed, please contact us.

Our office cannot disclose a patient's private health information to ANYONE other than the patient, except as explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices, without the patient's written permission. Please indicate **if you would like us to be able to speak to your family members or spouse**.

☐ I authorize Amber Health Care for Women to release any information regarding my healthcare to the following person(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**- OR -**

☐ **I DO NOT WISH** Amber Health Care for Women to release any information regarding my healthcare to any individual other than myself, except as explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I authorize Amber Health Care for Women to leave electronic messages regarding test results on my answering machine or my voicemail. We cannot guarantee that such information will not be inadvertently overheard by other individuals.

**- OR -**

☐ **I DO NOT WISH** Amber Health Care for Women to leave any messages regarding test results on my answering machine or my voicemail.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS** - Please fill in every box and answer every question.

Please inform the front office if there have been any changes to your address, phone numbers, insurance, employment, or marital status.

What is the reason for your visit?

☐ Yes / ☐ No Do you have an Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD)? If not, would you like information on AHCD? ☐ Yes / ☐ No

## 1) CONSTITUTIONAL

- ☐ fever ☐ none
- ☐ weight loss
- ☐ weight gain
- ☐ fatigue
- ☐ sleep problems
- ☐ loss of appetite

## 2) PSYCHIATRIC

- ☐ severe depression ☐ none
- ☐ severe anxiety

## 3) EYES

- ☐ visual problems ☐ none

## 4) NEUROLOGIC

- ☐ headache ☐ none
- ☐ seizures
- ☐ fainting or dizziness
- ☐ memory loss
- ☐ trouble walking
- ☐ numbness

## 5) ALLERGIC

- ☐ latex allergy ☐ none
- ☐ betadine allergy
- ☐ sinus drainage
- ☐ sneezing
- ☐ hay fever
- ☐ hives / swelling

## 6) ENDOCRINE

- ☐ heat intolerance ☐ none
- ☐ cold intolerance
- ☐ excessive hair loss
- ☐ excessive hair growth

## 7) BREASTS - SKIN

- ☐ breast pain ☐ none
- ☐ breast lumps
- ☐ breast discharge
- ☐ dry or scaly skin
- ☐ rashes / itching
- ☐ skin ulcers or lesions
- ☐ acne

## 8) MUSCULOSKELETAL

- ☐ joint pain ☐ none
- ☐ muscle weakness

## 9) EARS - NOSE - THROAT

- ☐ ear pain ☐ none
- ☐ hearing loss
- ☐ ringing in your ears
- ☐ sore throat
- ☐ nose bleeds
- ☐ cold sores

## 10) HEME - LYMPHATIC

- ☐ bruising easily ☐ none
- ☐ bleeding easily
- ☐ painful varicose veins
- ☐ swollen glands / lymph nodes

## 11) CARDIOVASCULAR

- ☐ chest pain ☐ none
- ☐ palpitations
- ☐ leg swelling
- ☐ need to sleep propped up
- ☐ short of breath with activity

## 12) RESPIRATORY

- ☐ wheezing ☐ none
- ☐ cough
- ☐ coughing blood
- ☐ shortness of breath
- ☐ painful breathing

## 13) GASTROINTESTINAL

- ☐ bloating / gas ☐ none
- ☐ diarrhea
- ☐ constipation
- ☐ abdominal pain
- ☐ bloody stool or black stool
- ☐ indigestion / reflux
- ☐ nausea / vomiting
- ☐ jaundice (yellow skin)

## 14) GU - URINARY

- ☐ bloody urine ☐ none
- ☐ frequent urination
- ☐ urgent urination
- ☐ painful urination
- ☐ incomplete bladder emptying
- ☐ incontinence of urine

What pharmacy do you use?

## GU - GYNECOLOGY

- ☐ pelvic pain ☐ none
- ☐ low libido (sex drive)
- ☐ vaginal itching
- ☐ vaginal discharge
- ☐ vaginal odor
- ☐ abnormal bleeding

PMS: occurring every month, but only 1-2 weeks before your period

- ☐ anxiety ☐ none
- ☐ depression
- ☐ irritability / anger
- ☐ social withdrawal
- ☐ headache
- ☐ breast pain
- ☐ bloating or swelling

## Menopause symptoms

- ☐ mood swings ☐ none
- ☐ hot flashes or night sweats
- ☐ vaginal dryness

## Birth Control Method (current)

- ☐ tubes tied ☐ none
- ☐ vasectomy
- ☐ withdrawal ("pulling out")
- ☐ rhythm / natural family planning
- ☐ condoms
- ☐ IUD
- ☐ DepoProvera
- ☐ vaginal ring
- ☐ birth control patch
- ☐ birth control pills
- ☐ Nexplanon rod (arm insert)

When was your last period? \_\_\_\_\_ *If having periods:*

How often do you have a period? \_\_\_\_\_

How many days do your periods last? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your bleeding: ☐ light ☐ moderate ☐ heavyDescribe your menstrual cramps: ☐ mild ☐ moderate ☐ severe

Yes / No

☐ / ☐ Do you ever skip periods?☐ / ☐ Do you have bleeding in between your periods?☐ / ☐ Do you soak through to your clothes?☐ / ☐ Do you pass blood clots? How large? \_\_\_\_\_☐ / ☐ Do your periods limit your activities?

Yes / No

☐ / ☐ Are you currently breast feeding?☐ / ☐ Do you do self breast exams? If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_☐ / ☐ Are you sexually active? *If sexually active:*☐ / ☐ Do you have pain with sex?☐ / ☐ Do you have bleeding with sex?☐ / ☐ Do you use condoms?☐ / ☐ Do you currently have more than one sexual partner?Are your sexual partners: ☐ male ☐ female ☐ both

Yes / No

☐ / ☐ Would you like to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases?☐ / ☐ Do you feel UNSAFE where you live?☐ / ☐ In the past year, have you felt the urge to physically hurt yourself or commit suicide?☐ / ☐ In the last year, have you been threatened, slapped, hit, kicked or forced to perform sexual acts without your consent?**SOCIAL HISTORY**

What is your current job?

What is your current marital status?

Yes / No If yes, how much / how often?

☐ / ☐ exercise?☐ / ☐ caffeine? (colas / coffee / tea)☐ / ☐ alcohol?☐ / ☐ tobacco / vaping?☐ / ☐ marijuana?☐ / ☐ street drugs?

Yes / No For Returning Patients: (If yes, please detail)

☐ / ☐ Have you developed any new medical conditions?☐ / ☐ Have you had any surgeries, serious illness, or injuries?**ALLERGIES:** ☐ Yes / ☐ No Are you allergic to any medicines, any foods, latex, adhesive tape, or x-ray dye? If yes please detail.**MEDICATIONS**

Yes / No If yes, how much / how often?

☐ / ☐ Do you take any prescription and over-the-counter medicines?☐ / ☐ Do you take other herbs or supplements?☐ / ☐ Do you take calcium or other vitamins?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORY

Yes / No Have YOU ever had the following?

- |                          |                          |   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | hyperthyroid (high)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | hypothyroid (low)                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | diabetes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | glaucoma  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | bladder interstitial cystitis                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | frequent bladder infections                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | kidney infections                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | kidney stones   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | kidney failure  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | migraine headaches                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | anemia  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | varicose veins or superficial thrombophlebitis          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | deep venous thrombosis (DVT) - blood clots in legs      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | pulmonary embolus (PE) - blood clots in lungs           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | anti-phospholipid antibody syndrome                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | seizures / epilepsy                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | arthritis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | asthma  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | COPD  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | sleep apnea   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | gastric bypass surgery                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | gastric reflux / GERD                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | hiatal hernia   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | liver cirrhosis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | gallstones  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | irritable bowel disease                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ulcers (stomach or intestines)                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | diverticulosis or diverticulitis                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | eating disorder: anorexia or bulimia                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | alcoholism or drug abuse                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | clinical depression                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | anxiety disorder, panic attacks, or bipolar disorder    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | osteopenia or osteoporosis                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | mitral valve prolapse or other valvular disease         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | coronary artery disease or heart attack                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | high cholesterol  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | high blood pressure / hypertension                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | stroke  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | skin disease: psoriasis or eczema                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | skin disease: lichen sclerosus                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | fibrocystic breast disease / dense breasts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | breast cancer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | ovarian cancer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | colon cancer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | other cancer  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | infertility   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | uterine fibroids  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | endometriosis   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | abnormal pap smear (how treated?)                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | other chronic or serious illness:                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever been sexually abused or raped?            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever had a blood transfusion?                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever gastric bypass surgery?                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a Jehovah's Witness who refuses blood products? |

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE HISTORY Have YOU ever had:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Yes / No   | Yes / No  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> chicken pox  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> scarlet fever       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> shingles   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> hepatitis           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> COVID  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> positive PPD test   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> tuberculosis (TB)  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MRSA skin infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> rheumatic fever / german measles   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> measles, mumps, rubella, polio, malaria, or yellow fever   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Have you been vaccinated for <input type="checkbox"/> HPV / <input type="checkbox"/> HepB / <input type="checkbox"/> TB? |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> STDs : <input type="checkbox"/> Gonorrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia <input type="checkbox"/> PID                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> HIV / AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Trichomonas <input type="checkbox"/> syphilis  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Herpes <input type="checkbox"/> genital warts <input type="checkbox"/> HPV on pap smear                                  |   |

## FAMILY HISTORY If yes, which relative and age when diagnosed?

- Yes / No
- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> DVT or PE (blood clots in the legs or lungs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> stroke or heart attack before age 60         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> diabetes                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> high cholesterol                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> high blood pressure                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> osteoporosis                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> breast cancer                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> ovarian cancer                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> colon cancer                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> other cancer                                 |

## GENETIC HISTORY Do you or your family have any of the following?

- Yes / No
- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Factor 5 Leiden mutation or other "clotting" diseases     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Factor 8 vonWillebrand deficiency or "bleeding" diseases  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha or Beta thalassemia or sickle cell trait or disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Huntington chorea   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> muscular dystrophy  |

## PREGNANCY HISTORY

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ total number of pregnancies     | _____ miscarriages    |
| _____ full term births (after 37 wks) | _____ stillbirth      |
| _____ preterm birth (before 37 wks)   | _____ abortions       |
| _____ tubal / ectopic pregnancies     | _____ living children |

Date of birth	Term or preterm?	vaginal or cesarean?	Baby's sex	Baby's weight	Complications?

## Yes / No SURGERY HISTORY If yes, what surgery and what year?

- ☐ ☐ Have you had any surgeries?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Annual physical exams** – Every woman should have a full physical exam once a year, to screen for diseases such as high blood pressure and cancer of the skin, breast, cervix, and ovary. An OB-GYN specialist treats issues such as birth control, pregnancy, PMS, menopause, heavy or painful periods, and pelvic prolapse. If a woman has medical or psychiatric problems, she should also be under the care of an internist, family practice doctor, and/or psychiatrist.

**Pap smears** – A pap smear looks for cervical cancer and pre-cancer (called dysplasia). In many parts of the world, cervical cancer is the # 1 cancer, but it is rare in the US because of screening with pap smears. Symptoms of cervical cancer include pain, discharge, and bleeding after sex. Pre-cancer may have no symptoms. There are different opinions about how often a woman should have a pap smear. We recommend a yearly pap smear for most women ages 21-64.

**Mammograms** – Breast cancer and lung cancer are tied for # 1 cancer in women in the US -- The lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is 12% (1 in 8). A mammogram looks for breast cancer. Occasionally a mammogram may miss a cancer, so you may need other tests if you have a breast lump, breast pain, black or bloody nipple discharge, or dense breasts. We recommend monthly self breast exams, and for a woman age 40 and older a yearly mammogram.

**Colonoscopy** – Colon cancer is the #2 cause of cancer (and cancer deaths) in women in the US -- The lifetime risk of developing colon cancer is 5% (1 in 20). A colonoscopy looks for colon cancer and precancerous colon polyps. A slim, long fiber-optic camera is inserted into the rectum to look at the inside of the colon (the large intestine). Symptoms of colon cancer include constipation, pain, and rectal bleeding. A screening colonoscopy should be done every 10 years after the age of 50), and more often in a high risk patient.

**Dexascan** – A Dexascan is a scanning x-ray of the spine and hips that looks for osteoporosis (a dangerous thinning of the bones). Osteoporosis is a “silent” disease, with no symptoms until it reaches the point of causing a hunched back or broken bones. A Dexascan should be done periodically in all post-menopausal women, and for certain other high risk patients.

**STD testing and condom use** – Abstinence from sex is the best way to prevent catching and spreading STDs (sexually transmitted diseases), such as HIV, herpes, genital warts, syphilis, Chlamydia, gonorrhea and hepatitis. Using a condom during sex lowers the risk of catching an STD. Some STDs (like HIV and hepatitis) can also be spread by blood (from transfusions, needle sticks or IV drug abuse). Ask for an STD check if you would like to be tested.

**Smoking** – Lung cancer is tied with breast cancer for the tied for # 1 cancer in women in the US and is the # 1 cause of cancer deaths. Smoking kills people. Smoking causes heart attacks and strokes (the # 1 cause of death in the US), lung damage (emphysema and COPD), and many cancers, including mouth, throat, tongue, lung, stomach, kidney, bladder and cervix. Smoking in pregnancy can cause miscarriage, preterm labor, a growth-retarded baby, and stillbirth from placental abruption. Smoking around kids causes SIDS (crib death) and childhood asthma. Do not smoke. If you smoke, ask your doctor to help you quit.

I have read the above and understood the recommendations underlined.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_