

Dear Patient,

We are happy that you have scheduled your annual gynecological examination.

An annual gynecological examination includes a pelvic examination, breast examination and routine health maintenance which includes recommendations for screening tests, risk factor reduction and healthy living. The amount of provider time and effort involved in these reviews may vary. For example, one patient may not have any chronic health problems, such as hypertension or endometriosis. Another patient may have many chronic health problems that should be addressed. We believe it is crucial to address all areas (if appropriate for the particular patient) in order to perform a proper annual examination.

Health insurance and managed care companies have different policies about annual health examinations. Some will allow chronic and/or acute medical problems to be addressed at the annual examination, while others will require a separate visit to evaluate and manage those issues. Though this may not be the best way to provide medical care, nor the most convenient for you, the patient, these are rules we must adhere to.

Our office bills for services according to nationally recognized standards. For patients with chronic medical problems or acute medical issues at the time of their annual examination, this may mean that two services are billed; a preventative medicine service and an office visit service. These standard charges for services are applied without regard to insurance or managed care coverage. We are, by law, unable to alter such charges, as it would be fraudulent.

We look forward to seeing you for your annual gynecological examination and hope that this information will be helpful to you as you plan for your visit.

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Patient Signature

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