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Dear Patients/Friends,

Those of us who practice Obstetrics and Gynecology feel it is a great privilege to provide health care to women and in particular during pregnancy because it is such a special time in our patients' lives. The relationship is very personal and so very important. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many of you and I have had the honour of delivering thousands of babies over 27 years in Obstetrics practice but the pace of life is challenging and I now feel it is time to limit my practice to Gynecology only.

In September 2017, I will continue to see patients for annual Gynecologic visits and for Gynecologic issues. I will continue to perform surgery, when needed, to manage those issues.

Our other highly qualified and experienced Obstetrics team members at this Capital Women's Care practice will continue to provide excellent care to our pregnant patients and they will be joined by Dr. Melanie McDowell.

Dr. Melanie McDowell grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, majoring in Biology. She completed medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School. She then moved to Baltimore and completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Maryland Medical Center. Dr. McDowell has been in practice for the last four years in Baltimore County but is happy to now be practicing closer to her home in Howard County.

I will certainly miss many aspects of Obstetrical care but I leave you in the very capable hands of my colleagues Drs. Esposito, Seavey, Hundley and McDowell and look forward to seeing some of you as Gynecologic patients. I would love to see your photos of your little ones!

Sincerely,

Christine Richards, MD