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Dear New Patient:

Thank you for making an appointment with the Johns Hopkins Pelvic Floor Dysfunction Clinic.

Pelvic floor dysfunction includes problems with the bladder, vagina, and bowel. Many women suffer from multiple pelvic floor problems at the same time. Sorting out the different components often requires a variety of diagnostic tests. Drs Handa, VanRooyen, Gutman, and Siddique function as a group practice to decrease the delay in getting these tests. Therefore, there is a good chance that you will see more than one of us during your evaluation. Please be assured that we work as a team & meet regularly to discuss patient matters.

Prior to your 1st visit, please complete the enclosed questionnaires & diary. Please **complete these before we see you**. The questionnaire asks important questions about your overall health and past medical problems. Completing this ahead of time allows us to focus on the problem at hand. The diary provides helpful information about your bladder and bowel functions. It requires two days to complete, so please plan ahead.

Lastly, we wanted to let you know that we are presently involved in several important research studies designed to improve the care of women with pelvic floor dysfunction. We view this research as an important means for us to improve the quality of life for all women who suffer from these problems. This includes several studies funded by the National Institutes of Health. Participation in these studies is completely voluntary and your decision about participation does not affect the care you receive.

Thank you again for your appointment. We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

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