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Dear Patient,

Since you have been referred to this office, the following information will help you understand the nature of this practice and our basic office policies. As specialists in colon and rectal surgery, our doctors treat patients with colon and rectal cancer, polyps, rectal bleeding, colitis ileitis, Crohn's disease, diverticulitis, and pelvic floor dysfunction, as well as anal problems such as hemorrhoids, fistulae, and fissures. A number of people also come to this office for screening colonoscopies to aid in the detection of cancer of the colon and rectum, the second most common malignancy overall in the United States today. Often early detection can result in the cure of these types of cancers.

Dr. Margarita Murphy is a bilingual physician, speaking fluently in English and Spanish. She began her education at the University of Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia, and finished her medical degree at the University of South Florida, in Tampa, Florida. This was followed by general surgery specialty training at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, and a colon-rectal surgery fellowship at Beaumont Hospital, in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Dr. Brendan Murphy graduated from Rice University with a degree in Biochemistry, and attended medical school at the University of South Florida. Subsequently he completed general surgery training in Seattle as chief resident, and went into practice in the Seattle area as a board certified General Surgeon. He then completed fellowship training in Colon and Rectal Surgery with specific training in Laparoscopic Surgery. His practice covers the full range of colon and rectal problems, with a particular interest in laparoscopic surgery.

**Appointments:** Patients are seen in the office by appointment, and we always try to honor your appointment time. Please understand, however, that in the specialty of surgery, unforeseen consultations, emergencies, and delays in the operating room can occur. We ask your kind understanding in this matter and assure you that you and your family will receive the same consideration.

**Emergencies:** If any emergency arises after office hours, our doctors can arrange to see you in the emergency room. Contact them through our office telephone number at any time of day or night. In the unlikely event none of our doctors are available; another physician will be responsible for our patients. You may be assured that there will always be competent care of you.

**Prescription Refills:** If one of our doctors prescribed a medication for you, and you need a refill, when you call us, please have the name and telephone number of your pharmacy in hand. We will authorize refills Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and Fridays, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. Please allow 24 hours between your call to us, and the time you expect your refill to be ready.

**Hospitalizations and Procedures:** When hospitalization is indicated, our doctors use the facilities at Roper Hospital's downtown location, as well as East Cooper Regional Medical Center, in Mt. Pleasant. If your hospitalization is not an emergency, your first visit will still be in our office. During your initial