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Dear Patient:

Welcome to our practice. We are pleased to offer comprehensive care for patients with benign and malignant colorectal and anal diseases. Our private practice is located in Pittsburgh with offices on the campus of UPMC/Shadyside Hospital and at the UPMC/Monroeville Ambulatory Surgery Center. We provide the most advanced laparoscopic treatment for colorectal cancer, colon polyps, diverticulitis, ulcerative colitis, Crohns disease, and volvulus in our state of the art minimally invasive surgical suites situated at Shadyside Hospital. We also provide routine care for patients with anorectal diseases including hemorrhoids, fissure and abscess. We have multiple comfortable and fully equipped procedure rooms in our office suites and provide conscious sedation for more advanced procedures at our ambulatory surgery center.

For patients with colon problems requiring surgery, we are able to minimize the intensity of your operation and improve the quality of your life by performing your operation completely laparoscopically using the most advanced techniques which we call "**band-aid**" surgery. For all patients including those with anorectal diseases, we have equipped our facilities with friendly warm staff and "state of the art" examination tables and instruments to optimize patient ease, comfort and satisfaction.

Enclosed please find a 1) **patient information form (2 pages)** that we would like you to fill out prior to your visit and 2) **directions to our offices**. A **simple bowel prep** of 2 bottles of magnesium citrate the night before and 1 fleets enema (non-prescription) the next morning is required for patients with the following: anal cancer, anemia, crohns disease of the colon, colon polyps, cancer, colovesicle fistula, constipation, rectal bleeding and rectovaginal fistula. Please bring your **insurance cards** with you to the visit and have your **referring doctor fax** to us all records, pathology and X-ray reports. If any **available CT scans** bring them. We look forward to helping you get better quickly.

Sincerely yours,

David Blumberg, M.D.