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Dear Valued Patients,

We are writing with an important update about changes at Reply Ob/Gyn & Fertility, which will affect labor and delivery plans for our pregnant patients.

**Effective May 1, 2021, Reply Ob/Gyn & Fertility no longer will be providing labor & delivery at WakeMed Cary Hospital. Instead, Reply patients will deliver at UNC Medical Center:**

**UNC Medical Center - N.C. Women's Hospital  
101 Manning Drive | Chapel Hill, NC 27514**

We will continue to provide pregnancy and postpartum care at Reply. Reply patients delivering at UNC will be cared for by the on-call team at UNC, which includes Reply physicians Dr. John Thorp and Dr. Rachel Urrutia. UNC is home to an outstanding neonatology team, IV Neonatal ICU, and access to immediate medical care by specialists, in the event these are needed. Dr. Caroline Summers unfortunately has had to take a medical leave as of March 25, and will not be able to see patients effective immediately. Reply midwives will not have hospital privileges for delivery at UNC. Sara Fawson, Amanda Meisel, and Beth Tyson have accepted positions at another practice and will transition this spring; we are grateful for the superior, patient-facing care they have provided and wish them all the best. Drs. Urrutia and Thorp, along with nurse midwives Aleisa Carlson and Samantha Ratcliffe, will continue to see obstetrics, gynecology, and fertility patients at Reply.

**During this period of transition, your continuity of care is of paramount importance to us:**

- for gynecologic patients of Dr. Summers, we will schedule you with alternate providers.
- for OB patients delivering by April 30, nothing will change about your care.
- for OB patients delivering after April 30 who wish to continue care at Reply and deliver at UNC, we will discuss birth planning and expectations with you at upcoming visits.
- for OB patients delivering after April 30 who do not wish to deliver at UNC, and therefore need to transfer care, we will ensure confidential transfer of your medical records. For those who prefer to deliver at WakeMed Cary Hospital, a list of practices can be found under "Delivering at Cary Hospital" at: <https://www.wakemed.org/care-and-services/womens/pregnancy-and-childbirth/>.

It is our pleasure and privilege to care for you, and we appreciate your understanding during this time of transition. Please let us know if you have any questions or how we can best support you.

Sincerely,

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