## **NOTICE TO PATIENTS**

Because of concerns that there may be a conflict of interest when a physician refers a patients to a health care facility in which the physician has a financial interest, New York State passed a law. The law prohibits me, with certain exceptions, from referring you for clinical laboratory services, pharmacy services, radiation therapy, or x-ray or imaging services to a facility in which I or any of my immediate family members have a financial interest. If certain of the exceptions in the law apply, or if I am referring you for other than clinical laboratory, pharmacy, radiation therapy services, or x-ray or imaging services, I can make the referral under one condition. The condition is that I disclose this financial interest and tell you about alternative providers where you may go to obtain these services. This disclosure is intended to help you make a fully informed decision about your health care.

I have a financial relationship with Gramercy Park Digestive Disease Center.

For more information about alternative providers, please ask me or my staff. We will provide you with names and addresses of providers best suited to your individual needs that are nearest to your home or place of work.