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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my gratitude for the overwhelming support and collaboration extended to me upon my return from maternity leave. The substantial volume of referrals I have received reflects not only your trust in the abilities of your Internal Medicine team but also the vital role you play in our patients' care, and I am honored to partner with you in this important work.

To facilitate timely access to internal medicine services, avoid waitlist delays for patients, and ensure appropriate resource allocation, I must clarify my current referral criteria. At this time, I remain committed to accepting urgent referrals (including new and acute internal medicine issues, as well as all obstetrical internal medicine cases) which I will see within one month of receiving the referral.

Additionally, please be aware that there will be a reduced capacity for obesity and bariatric medicine referrals, owing to the high demand, but due to the limited number of physicians specializing in this area, referrals for obesity-specific assessments will still be accepted.

Effective immediately, I am unable to accept referrals for:

1. Patients who have previously received assessment(s) from another internal medicine subspecialist or general internal medicine specialist for the same or related condition.
2. Patients transferring care from other internal medicine subspecialists or general internal medicine specialists.
3. Patients seeking assessment for primary care issues due to the absence of a primary care provider.

I will closely monitor referral volume and will communicate any changes to my capacity as necessary. Should you have questions or wish to review an individual referral please do not hesitate to contact my office and I would be happy to discuss. Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our patients. I look forward to our continued collaboration in providing the highest quality of care.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ashley Power