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To Our Family of Care Patients:

## **OIP IS NOT JOINING UPMC.**

Our offices have been made aware that patients of The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania/Arlington Orthopedics have received a letter from UPMC regarding transferring records to UPMC to ensure continuity of care.

The UPMC letter is misleading and has caused confusion among our patients. UPMC did not limit the letter to our patients that treated *only* with the 7 doctors who are leaving to work as employees of the hospital. Instead, UPMC also sent the letter to OIP patients who *never* treated with those departing doctors.

UPMC has posted on its website a record release form that was changed without our permission, and it implies that it's our form. That is misleading and causes confusion because it is not our original form and we did not permit any changes to be made or encourage its use.

Please note that physicians of The Orthopedic Institute of Pennsylvania (OIP) will remain independent physicians. If you wish to continue care with any of the OIP physicians, you do not need to request that your medical records be transferred to UPMC.

If you plan to follow any of the departing physicians to UPMC (which include Dr. Timothy Ackerman, Dr. William Beutler, Dr. Matthew Espenshade, Dr. John Grandrimo, Dr. Scott King, Dr. Robert Maurer and Dr. Walter Peppelman), please contact UPMC Pinnacle to make appointments and request record transfers.

You have the right of patient freedom of choice to select your physician as you wish, and OIP is prepared to serve you and meet your medical needs. If you would like to make an appointment with an OIP physician, please call 717-761-5530.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William C. Thompson".

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