

Notification for Patients at our Hospital

Hospital Policy on Obstetrics and Gynecology

**Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Higashi-Hiroshima Medical Center**

Hospital Policy Regarding the Gender of Obstetric Doctors

Patients attending this hospital must accept that they will be seen by both male and female doctors. If for cultural/religious reasons you can only be seen by a female doctor, we ask that you find another hospital. The reasons for this are given below.

In our hospital we have two male and two female obstetric doctors. They have a wide range of responsibilities, working in the outpatient clinic, on the wards, and performing deliveries including surgical procedures such as Caesarean sections. Work is done through a division of labour between the four doctors, and the number of patients allocated to each doctor is strictly controlled to avoid overworking and malpractice. In addition, obstetric doctors take turns on night duty. In the case of an emergency, the doctor on duty has to deal with the patient. For these reasons medical services, including examinations at the outpatient clinic, examinations during hospitalization periods, deliveries, surgery and anesthesia will be provided to patients by both male and female doctors.

While we are sympathetic to cultural issues concerning treatment, our overriding priorities are patient health and safety. If you wish to become a patient at this hospital, we require that you sign an informed consent form. If you cannot accept treatment by male doctors, we must ask you to find another hospital.

**Informed consent on the Provision of Medical Services
by Male and Female Doctors in the Obstetric
Department of Higashi-Hiroshima Medical Center.**

I have read the document entitled “Hospital Policy on
Obstetrics and Gynecology”. I accept that I may be seen by both
male and female doctors while I am a patient at this hospital. I
will not refuse treatment by any doctor on the basis of
that doctor’s gender.

Name: _____ Date: _____