**Female Only Provider requests by OB pts**

The sense of the OB-PCC is that *Female Only Provider* requests are not recommended, not offered, not advertised, and politely discouraged, but accommodated if possible.

Requests for *Female only providers* are generally initiated due to religious and/or cultural backgrounds and beliefs, but there are some pts who, regardless of religion and culture, strongly prefer *Female only providers*. The OB-PCC discussed this at length, acknowledged the potential to be unable to honor this request due to staffing and emergencies, acknowledged the "unfairness" of the request in terms of recruitment and training of male providers (residents and medical students), and the uneven work that may ensue secondary to this request in terms of the usual duties of PGY levels and attendings, but if *Female only providers* is requested, regardless of the pt's rationale, the OB-PCC asks that there be an attempt to accommodate the request. As with *C/S on Pt Request* this request is arguably one that should be made and documented at the time of the clinic/office visits and not "at the last minute" while in labor.