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### **Midland Women's Clinic Identifies and Addresses Data Security Incident**

MIDLAND, TX – June 7, 2016 – Today, Midland Women's Clinic announced that it is currently investigating a security incident involving certain patients' personal information. The Clinic is providing notice to individuals who may have been affected by the incident and offering free credit monitoring and identity protection services to those patients whose Social Security numbers were included in the records. The Clinic regrets any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause.

On April 26, 2016, Clinic representatives discovered that Mario M. Gross, M.D., a physician who was last employed with the Clinic in 2006, had left patient information at his private residence, causing the information to be accessible to certain members of the public for a limited period of time. Upon their discovery, the patient records were promptly secured, and an internal investigation initiated to determine the specific patients who were affected and the personal information that was contained in those records.

Based on this review, the Clinic believes that the patient records may have contained patients' first and last names, home addresses and certain health information, including dates of birth, Account Numbers, diagnoses, medications, procedures and physicians' notes. The records may have also contained some patients' Social Security numbers as well as Medicare and/or Medicaid numbers. Currently, the Clinic has no evidence that any of the patient information was inappropriately accessed, or that any of the information has been used inappropriately.

Midland Women's Clinic recognizes the importance of protecting personal information and is committed to taking steps to prevent this type of incident from occurring again in the future. The Clinic has reviewed and modified its policies and procedures to prevent future incidents, educated its medical staff about the incident and tasked them with reviewing and updating their own controls over patient records, and reminded its workforce about the rules and procedures for protecting patient records.

Midland Women's Clinic is proactively reaching out to impacted patients to provide guidance on how they can protect themselves. Impacted patients will be notified shortly by mail. Impacted patients can also call (432) 254-5230 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday for additional information. More information will also be made available at [www.mwcobgyn.com](http://www.mwcobgyn.com).

**“Individuals may also call, toll-free 1-877-884-9615, to learn whether their information was affected by the breach.”**

#### **About Midland Women's Clinic**

Established in 1951, Midland Women's Clinic is dedicated to providing the highest quality of women's health services and comprehensive gynecology and obstetric care for every stage of life. Midland Women's Clinic has been and continues to be a model for collaborative medical excellence for OB-GYN care in Midland.