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The OB/GYN Group of Austin

Dr. Shannon Abikhaled, Obstetrician and Gynecologist with The OB/GYN Group of Austin, is a recipient of the 2008 Patients' Choice Award.

Austin – May 19, 2009 – More than 400,000 patients submitted reviews of physicians via Vitals.com and based on these reviews, just a few physicians were selected to be the nation's most preferred physicians. Dr. Shannon Abikhaled, with the OB/GYN Group of Austin, was selected to receive the Patients' Choice Award for 2008.

Patients of The OB/GYN Group of Austin took the time to compliment Dr. Abikhaled in areas such as bedside manner, the amount of time spent with them, the courtesy of the staff, appropriate follow-up and their overall impressions of her as a physician.

Dr. Abikhaled commented on the award, "I am so pleased to receive such an honor. It certainly says a lot when your own patients offer you special recognition. It's comforting to know the skills and relationship style I have are considered valuable to my patients."

About Shannon Abikhaled, MD

Dr. Abikhaled is a graduate of Trinity University at San Antonio and received her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. She completed her residency in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She has been in private practice in Austin since 1997. Dr. Abikhaled has been listed as a Texas Super Doctor (recognizing the top 5% of Texas physicians), as noted in *Texas Monthly Magazine*, 2007 – 2008. She is a member of the American Medical Association and Christian Medical and Dental Society.

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About The Ob/Gyn Group of Austin

The OB/GYN Group of Austin, formerly known as Drs. Des Rosiers & Wernecke, Associates, was established in 1965. The name was changed in September of 2008 to reflect its growing clientele and longtime service to Austin women. Today it has a staff of eight renowned, board certified Ob/Gyn physicians, a nurse midwife, nurse practitioner and a skilled business office. The group is committed to providing Austin women with premier expertise in obstetrics and gynecology, including pregnancy care and management and routine wellness exams. This long established group practice offers the most advanced, state-of-the-art technology, with many services available in-office, including lab work, bone density testing and digital mammography. For more information, visit www.ObgynGroupofAustin.com.