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Dear Patient,

We are writing to inform you of an important update regarding our Bay Ridge Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Department (Bay Ridge) located at 699 92nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. After careful consideration by our leadership team, we have decided not to renew our lease at this location. This conclusion has been made based on an evaluation of our operations and patient needs. **The lease for the Bay Ridge location will terminate on August 31, 2024.**

It is important to note that this closure is unrelated to the recent news about University Hospital at Downstate's fiscal challenges amid news of potential loss or disruption of inpatient services.

Over the past two years, Bay Ridge has averaged only 1,430 cases annually—about six cases per day. Despite efforts, the low volume has persisted and revenue was not enough to justify keeping the location open, given the low patient volume.

We understand that this decision may be concerning; however, it was necessary to ensure that we can continue providing high-quality care to all of our patients. By consolidating our services at our main campus, we can better allocate our resources and continue to meet the needs of our community.

To help you understand what this means for your care, here are the steps we are taking to ensure a smooth transition:

Patient Notification and Next Steps:

- **Alternative Care Options:** If you require ambulatory surgery, you will be referred to our main hospital campus, located at 445 Lenox Road, Brooklyn, NY 11203, for procedures. Our main campus can handle the current caseload from Bay Ridge. You should consult your doctor to determine options for future procedures. Also included with this letter is a listing of other sites you may consider for similar services.
- **Medical Records:** Patient medical records will remain confidential and secured at our main hospital location. To obtain a copy of your records, please contact Downstate's Medical Records Department at (718) 270-2499.

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- **Website Update:** Our hospital website will be updated to reflect that the Bay Ridge location is no longer open for patient care, effective July 31, 2024. You can find more information at <https://www.downstate.edu/patient-care/bayridge/index.html>.

We will be holding a public meeting to address any questions or concerns from the community, elected officials, patients, and other stakeholders. Details of the meeting, including the date and time, will be announced soon.

University Hospital at Downstate is committed to ensuring a smooth transition for all our patients and appreciates your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your continued trust in our services.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Ambulatory Surgery Center Alternate Sites

1. NYU Langone Brooklyn Ambulatory Surgery and Endoscopy Center

1630 East 14th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11229

(4.11 miles by car from SUNY Downstate at Bay Ridge location)

Phone: (718) 336-9100

2. Center for Community Health

515 6th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11215

(5.56 miles by car from SUNY Downstate at Bay Ridge location)

Phone: (718) 499-2273