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The OB/GYN Group of Austin

Dr. Shannon Abikhaled, Obstetrician and Gynecologist with The OB/GYN Group of Austin, receives the Patients' Choice Award for the second year in a row.

Austin – March 1, 2010 – Each month, more than 40,000 patients across the U.S. provide feedback about their experiences with their physicians. Each year, hundreds of thousands of patient reviews are tabulated by MDx Medical, Inc. Based on these reviews, a small number of physicians are selected to be the nation's most preferred physicians for 2009. Dr. Shannon Abikhaled, with the OB/GYN Group of Austin, was selected to receive the Patients' Choice Award for 2009, just as she did in 2008. Less than 6% of the nation's 720,000 active physicians received this honor in 2009, and even less received it two years in succession.

Dr. Abikhaled's patients took the time once again to specifically compliment her in areas such as bedside manner, their overall impressions of her as a physician, appropriate follow-up and the courtesy of the OB/GYN Group of Austin staff.

"I am sincerely honored to have received this award from my patients for two years straight," stated Dr. Abikhaled. She continued, "It means a great deal when your patients recognize you in this way. I'm so pleased to know that the skills and relationship style that I have developed are considered so 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.

About MDx Medical, Inc.

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About The OB/GYN Group of Austin

The OB/GYN Group of Austin was established in 1965. 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.