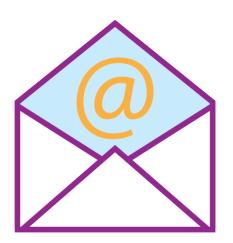




# **TOPIC: MARKETING FOR PATIENT RETENTION**

# IMPROVING PATIENT RETENTION WITH EMAIL



Email communication will help your Care Center in many ways. It is an effective, inexpensive way to reach your patients on a regular basis. It facilitates direct communication with your existing patients and increases patient engagement. It can also position you as a reliable source of health information. This all will help build loyalty, trust, and understanding. Email campaigns allow you to create more targeted messages and can be effective in building meaningful relationships with your patients.

Be cautious to not overuse email - you don't want to send too many to the same patient at once or it may get ignored or irritate the patient.

Depending on the circumstances, you will want to email your patients at least monthly. This could be more or less, and you'll have to decide what the right number is for your specific needs.

You can send emails to patients via the Athena EMR tool and you will have all the information you need to select which patients you want to send your emails to. You can filter by age, last appointment, etc. If you have any questions on how to send an email through Athena, you can reach out to your representative. If you are using NextGen or another EMR system, again, speak to your representative about email capabilities and what is offered.

Below are some sample emails for reference that you can send to your existing patients, along with targeting parameters for each (that you can choose in your EMR tool). There are two types of patient emails: 1) those for lapsed patients who haven't visited your Care Center in past 2-3 years, and 2) those emails that are more informational and educational. You can customize each below to fit your Care Center's language and specific needs.

Note: HIPAA has privacy rules against 'marketing' to patients – emails must be informational about practice/service and not promotional.



# **Emails for "lapsed patients"**

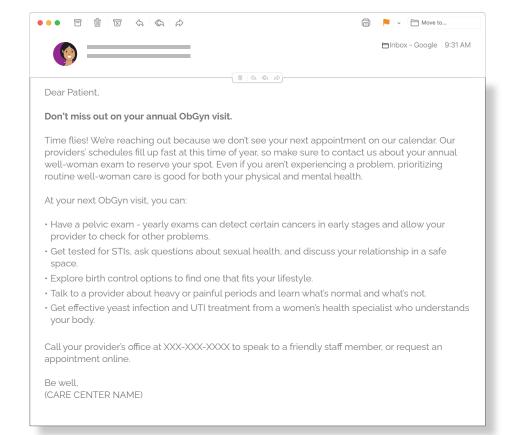
## **Annual Reminder Emails by Age Group**

#### WHO TO SEND TO:

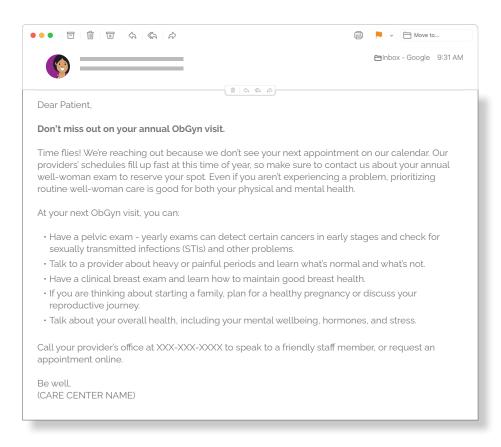
- Patients who are considered 'lapsed' and have not been in for an annual between 2-3 years.
- Include anyone who hasn't been seen for an annual year to date.
- Exclude patients who are already scheduled to be seen by the end of the year.
- Exclude current OB patients and anyone who has been in for a problem in the past 6 months.

Different age range copy below.

**AGE 29 AND UNDER:** 







Move to... ►Inbox - Google 9:31 AM 11000 Dear Patient, Don't miss out on your annual ObGyn visit. Time flies! We're reaching out because we don't see your next appointment on our calendar. Our providers' schedules fill up fast at this time of year, so make sure to contact us about your annual well-woman exam to reserve your spot. Even if you aren't experiencing a problem, prioritizing routine well-woman care is good for both your physical and mental health. At your next ObGyn visit, you can:  $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Have a pelvic exam - yearly pelvic exams can detect certain cancers in early stages and check for other problems. • Talk to a provider about perimenopause and menopause, and learn what's normal and what's not. · Have a mammogram and learn how to maintain good breast health. • Talk about your overall health, including your mental well-being, hormones, and stress.

Call your provider's office at XXX-XXXX to speak to a friendly staff member, or request an

appointment online.

(CARE CENTER NAME)

Be well

**AGE 30-39** 

#### AGE 40+

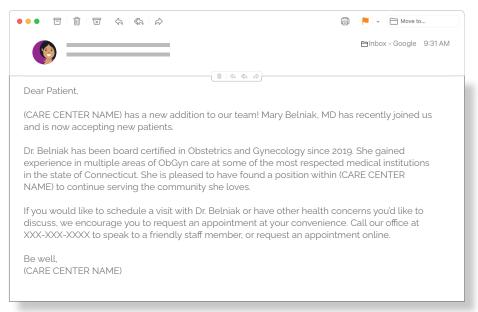


# Informational/educational emails:

#### **New Provider Announcement Email**

#### WHO TO SEND TO:

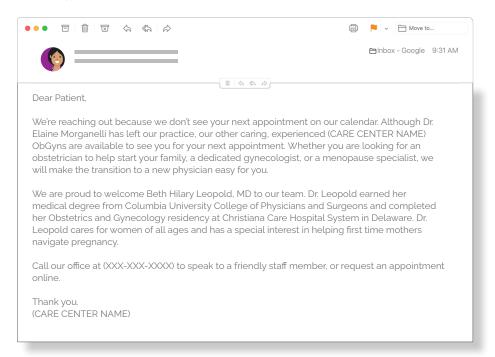
Usually sent to all patients unless the Care Center would like to target a retiring provider's patients specifically.



### Retired/New Provider Combo Email

### WHO TO SEND TO:

Lapsed patients (haven't been in 2 years).

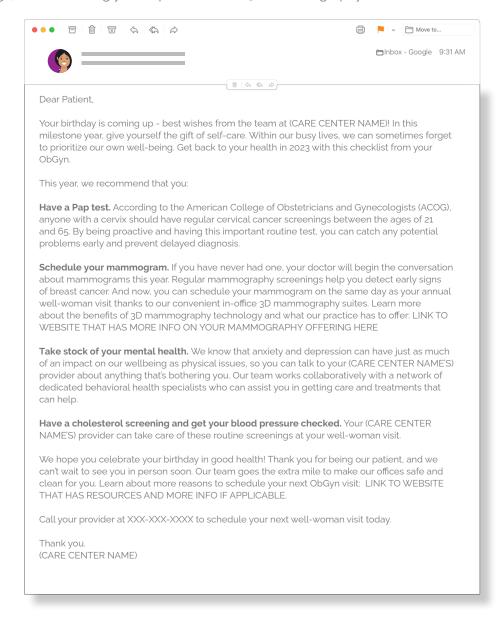




## **Turning 40 Email**

### WHO TO SEND TO:

Sent to patients turning 40 in the coming year at practices with 3D mammography suites.

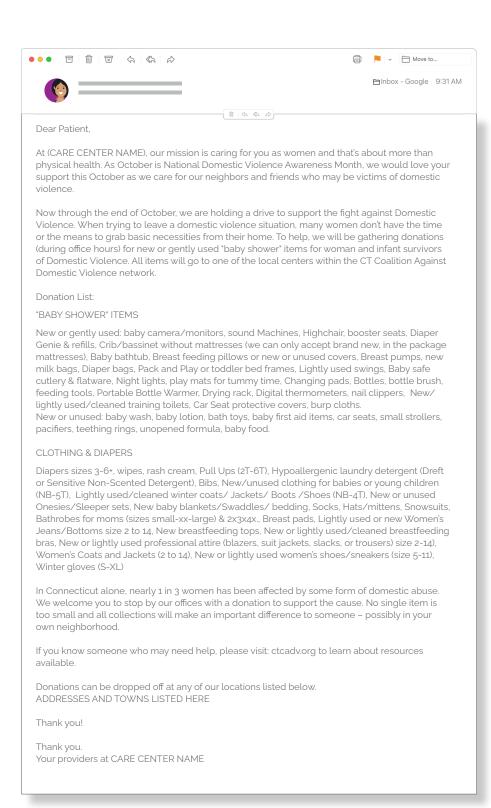




# Sample "Drive" Email - Domestic Violence Supply Drive

(send emails about any other upcoming drives as well)

# WHO TO SEND TO: All patients





# **Mammography Email**

## WHO TO SEND TO:

- Women 40+
- From Care Centers who have 3D mammography offered or Medical Affiliation Care Center who offers it nearby.

