

I am Grace. I am the mom of Rafael and the wife of Andy. I, those are the 2 things I love the most. I think it was 2018, within months of us getting married, I was having like a ridiculous amount of pain. I have pretty severe endometriosis. Endometriosis can significantly impact the ability to conceive.

When I first met my ob-gyn and just shared with her what had been happening, she actually, she held my hand and she teared up with me, like, and that meant everything to me. She told me that we were gonna have the surgery I needed and that she was gonna do everything to manage my pain. When I was trying to decide who would perform the surgery, I went and like had like the most honest and frank conversation. She based her recommendation on her knowing me, knowing what it was that our goals and objectives were.

I had this wonderful call with a doctor who performed my surgery. I went through a list of our priorities. So we said, we need you to do what you can to eradicate pain. From there, we need you to preserve fertility. As they were performing surgery on me, she let the other people in the room know these are the things we are going to deliver for this family. And then she told our family afterward, they're gonna have a long road to fertility, but they're gonna have a child.

We just followed the plan. We did all the testing that they requested. The best part was that everything was like coordinated. It wasn't us having to do all the work ourselves. When I went to one doctor to the next, within moments, they had the records from the prior doctor. And so everything was just really easy and all we had to do was just take care of each other. My ob-gyn knew that we were gonna have a kid and it was just something so certain to her. And when we finally did get pregnant, her level of excitement matched ours, like it meant the world to us. It's been the best thing that we've ever done.