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## Dear Patients and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to tell you that after 30+ years of practicing medicine I will be retiring. I cannot thank you enough for having entrusted your health care to me. I have come to work every day of my career looking forward to seeing you and hoping to improve your medical issues and outcomes. We have had shared many joyous and happy times and have sometimes had to deal with disappointments and sadness. I hope that I have been able to support you as much as you have supported me. In the course of my career I have enjoyed delivering thousands of babies and performing countless surgeries. Along the way I listened with an open ear as you trusted me with your problems and concerns, and I learned a lot from you in return.

My career has been a deeply fulfilling one and I am sorry that it is coming to an end. But, for everything there is a season, and this is my time to transition into the next phase. Please wish me well as I step back from medicine to spend time with family and work in my pottery studio. Again, I want to thank each of you for the privilege of getting to know you and the honor of being your doctor. I have appreciated your kindness over the years more than you will ever know. I will miss you all but am comforted by the fact that I will be leaving you in good hands with my partners at Associates in Women's Healthcare.

Fondly and with Best Wishes.

Allison Jacokes, M.D.