

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, in July of 2020, after almost 42 years of practicing medicine, I plan to retire. I have had a wonderful, rewarding career, and want to thank each and every one of you for the kindness that you have shown me and the experiences and stories that you have shared with me.

In 2016, on the passing of my father at the age of 92, I began to reduce my office hours as I took on additional responsibilities with my family. Dr Keinarth and our staff have been wonderful in helping me maintain my practice and allowing me to reduce my responsibilities in the office. Many of you, aware that at some point I would retire, have given me kind words and suggestions as to what I should do. Statements such as “you can’t retire until I die”, and “don’t leave me with a young inexperienced physician” have left me with some good laughs, but also food for thought. We gave your comments sincere consideration as we made our plans for the future of our practice.

On November 1 we were joined by our new partner, Kelly Alberda, MD. Dr Alberda has been practicing medicine in Austin since 2003. He has been an Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine with the Residency programs in Austin and has served as such with Dell Medical School since 2015. He has had his own clinical practice as well most recently with CommUnity Care Blackstock Clinic. In these roles he has been helping to train future Austin family physicians for the last 16 years. We feel very privileged and fortunate to find a person of Dr Alberda’s character and experience to join our group. He is in his mid forties, and we are excited about the new skills, technical expertise, and “youthful energy” that he brings to our practice.

I am currently still in the office seeing patients on Monday and Tuesday, and Dr Alberda is here on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I am often in the office on other days, but spend my time in clinical projects and management responsibilities. I do plan to continue these projects until at least 2025, so you will likely still see me at times even in my early retirement years. I will officially retire from clinical practice July 1, 2020, at which time Dr Alberda will move to full time five day practice in our office along with Dr Keinarth and our exceptional Physician Assistants..

I encourage all of you to try to get an opportunity to visit with Dr Alberda in the months prior to my retirement. I believe we have similar personalities and approach to our patient care that some of our employees who have had the opportunity to work with both of us have described as uncanny. I know that many of you come from some distance to see us in central Austin, and I hope that you will find that the opportunity to have someone like Dr Alberda participating in your care is well worth the additional distance.

Sincerely and with great appreciation,

Steve Margolin, MD