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RE: PRACTICE CLOSURE NOTIFICATION

Dear Patient:

It is with mixed feelings of excitement and sadness that I inform you of my retirement and closure of my gastroenterology practice effective **April 1, 2021**. Working in healthcare over the past 38 years has been extremely gratifying. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your gastroenterologist.

While I am available to provide you with medical care until March 31, 2021, you will need to secure a new physician before then to ensure continuous care. All medical records are confidential and protected by federal privacy and security regulations. Beginning April 1, 2021, my colleagues at Gastro Health will take physical possession of all of my patient records. Your paper chart will be stored at their 3028 Javier Road, Fairfax, VA 22031 office location for a minimum of (6) six years as required by law.

You have a couple of options:

- You may transfer your GI care to one of my trusted colleagues at Gastro Health. Upon scheduling a consultation with your new Gastro Health provider, your medical records will be entered into the Gastro Health electronic health record system. Your records will be transferred at no cost to you. For your convenience, I have attached a records release authorization form to allow Gastro Health to access your records.
- You may pick up a paper copy of your medical records or authorize us to send the records directly to an alternate practice. In accordance with Virginia state law, there will be a fee covering search, handling, copying and transmittal costs. If you choose to pick up a paper copy of your records for use with an alternate practice, please do so by Friday, February 26, 2021, and make the request on the attached form by February 1, or earlier if possible.

While I can appreciate a change in specialty physician may cause some unease, the doctors and staff at Gastro Health will provide you with high-quality and compassionate care. For your convenience, Gastro Health has established a direct line for you to schedule a consultation. Please call 571-435-8699 and let the representative know you are transferring care from Dr. Ranard. They will advise Medical Records to import your paper records. Visit GastroHealth.com/Virginia for additional information.

Thank you for entrusting me with your healthcare. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist you in this transition of care. Wishing you and your loved ones all the best for your future health and well-being.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Ranard, M.D.