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To my dear patients,

I am writing this to you to let you know that I have planned to retire. I will stop seeing patients in the office as of August 31, 2021, and will be fully retired by December 31, 2021. I did not come to this decision lightly and have very mixed feelings. I will miss all of you but feel that it is time for me to move into a new phase in my life.

I finished my cardiology training in June of 1982 at the age of 31. At the end of December, I will have turned 71. I have been with California Heart Associates since before it even had that name. It has been my professional home for most of my career. I feel incredibly fortunate to have practiced here and to have been a part of something bigger than myself.

I am very appreciative to all of you who trusted me with your health and your lives. Please know that it was never taken for granted. In that light, I want you to know that all my partners in California Heart are here because of the caring people they are. Of course, they are smart, well-trained, and highly skilled, but even more important is the amount of concern we as a group have always had for doing the best for our patients. As I retire, I want you all to know that even though I will not be a doctor here, I will continue to be a patient of the practice. All of the doctors here have taken care of my parents, my children, and my closest friends. I trust all of my partners with our lives.

I hope you will all wish me well as I start the next phase of my life. I would love to hear from any of you. Please feel free to send communications to me through our office.

I wish you and your families all the best.

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