

Dear Patient,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the privilege of serving as your foot and ankle specialist. I know that there are a lot of options out there and I am truly humbled that you chose me as your provider. Over the past 21 years, and especially the last nine years at Alexander Orthopaedic Associates (AOA), my journey has been profoundly meaningful and enriched by the wonderful patients, dedicated staff and nurses, and supportive colleagues who have surrounded me throughout my professional journey so far. Working together for you as my patient has brought me so much joy and fulfillment.

I have cherished every moment of practicing innovative medicine and applying it to meet each of my patient's individual needs. The opportunity to share in both the triumphs and struggles has been incredibly rewarding and my patient's strength and resilience in navigating various challenges, has continually inspired me and reinforced my commitment to the field of foot and ankle medicine.

Today, I am embarking on a new chapter and temporarily stepping away from clinical practice. Life has steered me in a new direction, and it is time for me to focus on the most important people in my life. My family has always been my greatest joy, and now I need to be more present for them, especially during these formative years of my children's lives. This decision comes with a heavy heart, as I will miss the daily interactions with all my patients who have been such an integral part of my professional life.

This transition also offers me the chance to approach medicine from a new perspective. I will be focusing on developing new innovative products and technologies and expanding on my roles as an educator and mentor. While the specifics of this new path are still unfolding, I am hopeful that it will allow me to contribute to the field in new and meaningful ways. I look forward to growing as a father, husband, and innovator, and to using the lessons I've learned to benefit others in new ways.

My last day in the office was Thursday, August 22. Although leaving the caring faces of my patients, staff, and colleagues was incredibly difficult, I am confident that you will be well cared for by other providers in the community or at AOA. For more information or to schedule an appointment with one of the other foot and ankle providers, please visit www.alexanderorthopaedics.com or call (727) 547-4700. AOA will retain your medical records so please contact their medical records department for any requests or to get access to your records should you choose to transfer to another specialist within the community.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. It has been a true honor to be a part of your journey. I wish you all continued health, happiness, and many wonderful new experiences.

With warmest regards,

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