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Dear Patient and Family Members:

It is with mixed feelings that I must announce my full retirement from the practice of Allergy, Asthma, and Clinical Immunology, effective mid-December, 2022. Perhaps this news seems sudden to you; after all, I have been careful not to discuss full retirement with any of my patients, employees or colleagues, due to the undue and unnecessary attention it might garner. But this is a decision that I did not make lightly; I have been planning for and carefully thinking about it for a while. I came to SW Florida in the Summer of 1994, not exactly sure what was in store for me. But looking back, I know that choosing to practice Allergy here was the right decision. I have worked hard and tried my best, to provide my patients with good, quality care; but the time has come to enter into a new chapter for my family and myself, after a long, rewarding and satisfying career.

Whether you have been a member of my practice for a few weeks, or for many years, please know that I have truly enjoyed having you as my patient. One of the stipulations I would not waiver on, in planning my retirement, is to make sure there was a path forward for my patients to continue to experience good, quality care in the hands of another Allergist. To that end, when the recruitment of young associates into the practice did not work out for a number of reasons, I decided to sell my practice to a very experienced and empathetic Allergist, Ronald Negrich, M.D. Dr. Negrich, like myself, originally hails from S.E. Michigan. He attended undergraduate school at Wayne State University, and medical school at Universidad del Noreste in Tampico, Mexico, followed by New York Medical College. He completed his Internal Medicine residency at Providence Hospital in Southfield, MI, and his fellowship in Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology at Louisiana State University in Shreveport and Tulane Hospital in New Orleans. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and has been practicing in his specialty since 1996. When interviewed recently in Texas, his work colleague stated: "The best thing about working with Dr. Negrich is that he loves taking care of people. He is extremely personable, and he takes time to listen to his patients to understand their problems. His patients love him."

Dr. Negrich, his wife Patricia, and their three children, are relocating, most recently, from Houston, Texas. Despite the recent devastation by Hurricane Ian, they look forward to the paradise and the many opportunities that SW Florida has to offer.

In an attempt to ensure a smooth transition for all patients, Dr. Negrich has agreed to maintain the same caring staff that you see every time you enter the office. With rare exception, he will accept all the same insurances that I currently accept. Since the practice acquisition includes all the same software, he will have access to your complete medical record, so that he will be afforded the ability to review your diagnoses and treatment to date, under my care. And perhaps you will enjoy having a fresh perspective regarding your treatment, from another experienced allergist. Regardless, I sincerely hope you will allow him the opportunity and the privilege to serve you.

With smiles, and a few tears, I will forever cherish all the moments I have experienced while taking care of each and every one of you. God bless, and keep you happy and healthy in the years to come!

With Sincerity and Gratitude,

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