

Dear Patient,

Please be advised that after 38 years of practice, I am retiring from the practice of medicine effective August 7, 2020. If you have follow-up needs or require care after that date, please let our office know who you will be using for those needs and we will facilitate forwarding your records to the physician of your choice or provide you a copy of your records for continuing care with another provider at no cost to you.

Since medical records are confidential, your written authorization is required for me to make them available to you or another physician. For this reason, I am enclosing an authorization form with this letter. Please complete the form and return it to me as soon as possible and preferably prior to July 31, 2020. Once the office is permanently closed on August 7, 2020, thereafter please call (803) 469-4028 for instructions on how to obtain your records or for any billing/insurance questions.

I sent this letter via the US Postal Service in early July. If you did not receive it and the authorization form, please call (803) 469-4028 immediately and a form will be sent to you.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve the medical needs of the Sumter community and I am honored that you allowed me to provide for your orthopedic healthcare needs. As I begin this new chapter of my life, I extend my hope and desire for the good health and happiness of you and your family in the future.

Best wishes,

Dr. Michael Drakeford