

Dear Pediatric Medicine Patients and Families,

I am writing this letter to share that I will be retiring from my practice at Pediatric Medicine as of May 5, 2023. Being a pediatrician brings me great joy and caring for your children and growing families has been my privilege. It has also been wonderful to have many of my patients return with their own newborns and young families over the years. I am in awe of the work each of you do every day to parent healthy children into young adulthood and to care for yourselves, sometimes in the face of challenging times and circumstances. You have taught me so much during my time in practice.

It is not an easy decision to retire from Pediatric Medicine after 30 years and is one I have given much thought. My own family is growing as my daughter will be getting married in 2023 and I am looking forward to having more time to spend with her, my future son-in-law, and my own son as they embark on new adventures outside of Vermont. I am also excited to enjoy more time hiking, biking, and traveling with my husband and to exploring new endeavors.

Your children's health is very important to me and I am confident that our office will support a smooth transition of care to another provider at the practice. The Pediatric Medicine staff and I will be available to answer any questions that you may have and to help you with the transfer of your care to one of our Pediatricians - Drs. Carlson, Friesen, Gerson, and Rissacher. We are also excited to share that we have hired a new provider who will start in May. I encourage my families to transfer their health care to them as they will be a great addition to the group.

It has been an honor and a joy to be your Pediatrician.

With gratitude,

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