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Dear Patient,

It seems like yesterday when I opened my practice on July 1, 1981, and Facial Plastic Surgery Associates (FPSA) was born. It has been a privilege and an honor for me to have provided facial plastic aesthetic and nasal airway treatments to you over all these years. You have trusted me with your health and well-being, and for that, I am eternally grateful. Over the years, you have sent me your friends and family for care, and I have gotten to know many of you quite well.

So, it is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement from active private practice at Facial Plastic Surgery Associates effective June 30, 2026. My last day seeing patients at FPSA will be June 30, 2026, and thereafter I will no longer be seeing patients in the practice. I think of all of you as part of my extended family, and I will miss your visits and our friendships. After 45 years in private practice, the time has come to dedicate more time with my grandchildren, my family, and my friends. However, my lifelong passion for excellence in facial plastic surgery has not waned, and my love of teaching and research is as strong as ever. I will be accepting a part-time faculty appointment at UTMB in Galveston beginning in August, where I will be teaching and continuing academic work, including a textbook.

Facial Plastic Surgery Associates will remain at its current location, and I am pleased you have the opportunity to continue your care at FPSA with Dr. Sean Delaney as your facial plastic surgeon. He was one of my best previous fellows, and we have worked together for the past five years. He shares a similar passion for providing the best possible care with very natural aesthetic results and has graciously agreed to be available to continue care for my patients who choose to remain with the practice. Dr. John Hamati recently joined FPSA and has expertise in all areas of breast and body plastic surgery, including laser surgery and injections.

Your medical records are confidential and will remain with FPSA. A copy can be transferred to another physician or released to you only with your permission. To request a copy of your records or to transfer them to another physician, please contact Facial Plastic Surgery Associates at mailbox@todaysface.com, or complete the enclosed authorization form. If you plan to continue with FPSA, you may sign an authorization form to release your records to Dr. Delaney at your first visit. If you choose to see a different physician, please complete the enclosed authorization form and return it to FPSA so your records can be forwarded.

Please note that this process may take some time, as many of you have medical records that include a combination of paper charts, electronic records, and photographic files that must be compiled. We appreciate your patience as the office works to complete your request as efficiently as possible. FPSA will retain your records for at least seven years from the date of your last visit in accordance with Texas law.

Over the years, I have treated patients from all over the world, and for some of you, traveling to Houston is difficult. If this is the case, I would be happy to recommend other highly qualified facial plastic surgeons in the United States or internationally. I have trained 44 fellows—42 of whom practice within the United States—and I have worked alongside many outstanding surgeons whose care I trust. As you consider your future care, you can feel confident in remaining with the practice, but please feel free, until the end of June, to reach out to me or my assistant, Karen Butcher, for guidance in identifying the best option for your individual needs.

With all of the above in mind, I again express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for allowing me to participate in your care. I hope I have served you well and met your expectations.

With warm regards,

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