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Valued patients,

As many of you know, I was involved in an air plane crash in early April. My family and I have been humbled by the outpouring of support we have received from the Whidbey Island community.

I feel truly blessed to have survived the accident but I did sustain significant injuries that have prevented me from being able to practice. While my recovery has been slow and stable, to provide you with the greatest care possible I have decided to partner with Cascadia Eye. This provides an exciting opportunity to offer state-of-the-art care and expand the services that are available to you as patients.

Cascadia Eye has taken over my practice effective **June 1, 2017**. This group of board-certified ophthalmologists and optometric physicians has been serving Skagit Valley eye care needs since 1985, and some of you may already have worked with them over the years. The Coupeville location is still served by faces you'll recognize: Ria (with several more Whidbey Eye Center staff) and Dr. Mark Cichowski, who has joined Cascadia Eye as one of their doctors. Also serving this location are Dan Siapco, MD; Carlindo Pereira, MD; and Jared Rasmussen, OD. Later this summer they will be joined by Dr. Jeffery Adkins, MD. You may find information about all of the doctors, staff, and services at their website www.CascadiaEye.com.

Bringing Cascadia Eye to Whidbey Island will have major benefits, and I am glad to have left my patients in their capable hands. Along with keeping the medical ophthalmology we are known for — such as laser procedures, retinal injections, and other medical care — Cascadia Eye is bringing a full-service optical shop with their own private line of affordable frames, as well as contact lens services and all-ages family care.

Your records will remain in this office, as the Cascadia Eye doctors plan to continue seeing patients here at this same location for the foreseeable future. We hope you will return here for your regular eye care. If you prefer to seek care from another doctor, your records can be transferred by your release. If you plan to continue with this office, no action is required from you; simply make an appointment by calling **(360) 678-2020**.

I have enjoyed working with all of you and thank you for your friendship and loyalty over the years.

Warmest regards,

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