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Dear Patient,

August 15, 2016 marks for me 30 years of practice in Austin. On that day, I will stop my medical practice.

All is well with my health and with my family life. It is simply a good time for me to make a career change.

Over the decades, caring for you has been a pleasure and a privilege. My staff and I are honored that you have shared your lives with us. Each of you will occupy a special place in my heart.

Professionally, part of what I will do in the future is helping to care for the people of Honduras, at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH). My wife, Susan, and I have the opportunity to live and to work within a joy-filled community there. See the work done by NPH at: www.nph.org.

Fortunately, my patients will be able to continue their medical care at my office. Taking my place, the **Seton Family of Doctors** is available to care for my patients, and provide a comprehensive medical home. (<https://www.seton.net/primary-care/>).

Seton Family of Doctors will answer the same phone number, and will accept the same medical insurance that I did in my practice. By making an appointment with the Seton Family of Doctors, the patient's medical record will be available to his/her new doctor. **In this case, no transfer of medical record is necessary.**

I remain the custodian of my patients' medical records. So, for patients who wish to continue their medical care elsewhere, their medical records (upon receipt of signed request and copy fee) will be transferred to the designated physician or entity. See the MEDICAL RECORD RELEASE FORM included. Alternatively, transfer of medical records may be accomplished directly on my website.

My website may help to answer further questions about the practice transition:
www.stavinohamd.com.

I wish you and your families all the best.

Sincerely,

William Stavinoha