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Dear Patients and Friends,

I will be retiring on January 1st, 2009, after practicing medicine for almost 40 continuous years. I have enjoyed seeing all of you and tending to your needs and like most retiring physicians my age, I feel some separation anxiety. Many of you have asked what I plan to do with the rest of my life. Plenty! First, I will sleep late until 9:00am every day for a month. I have received advice from many of my patients and will follow the path most of you have taken: I will clean every corner of my house, throw out junk, sleep late and cancel my cell phone. I will garden and hope to join a garden club, plant trees around town, learn how to sew and cook, baby-sit my grandchild and go back to school to learn electronic arts. If I live long enough like my mother, to age 94, then maybe I can even learn to play a musical instrument.

I am very proud to have been a part of St. John's Clinic and encourage all of you to continue to support one of the best health systems in the country. They work constantly on improving the health of the people in the Ozarks and if you wonder why the patient service is so good, it is because our co-workers make it a top priority. St. John's Clinic-Primary Care-Southwest consistently scores in the top 10 nationally for patient satisfaction. Almost all our co-workers have been with our clinic for over 10 years.

Melvin Walker, M.D. will be replacing me on January 1st. I am happy to let you know that he is an internist who has practiced in the area for over 20 years prior to joining our clinic. He has raised four children and I think that anyone who can raise four children will have the patience necessary to review and make recommendations regarding your medical problems.

I am happy to have known all of you and I am grateful for your friendship. I do not plan to move elsewhere and will probably bump into you at Wal-Mart.

Sincerely,

Conchita Redmon, MD