

Dear Friends and patients,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to you.

I would like to announce the closure of my practice here in Amarillo, Texas. As many of you are aware, in 2017, I closed my practice because of medical needs. I had to undergo surgery on both of my arms due to nerve compression syndromes. I spent the following 8 months in rehabilitation and was happy to make a full recovery. When I was fully recovered, I realized that I still wanted to pursue my passion and to offer my services to the community. I returned to Amarillo and began to practice once again. During the Pandemic, my friend Dr. Heffel joined me, and we began The Associates A Plastic Surgery Group. We had high hopes for offering the community the new standard of breast reconstructive care, with microsurgical breast reconstruction using DIEP flaps. Unfortunately, our hopes did not mature. I am happy to say that Dr. Heffel is now well situated as the head of (microsurgical) reconstructive breast plastic surgery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and is doing extremely well. As for me, I believe it is time to move on. I have decided to close the practice here to pursue my passion of helping with reconstructive surgery. I am not retiring. I am simply moving on.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the patients that over the years, in both of my practice incarnations, who have helped support our cause and our practice. We could not have done it without you. I am humbled and honored to have had the chance to take care of you.

As for our staff, nurses and associated teams, I have to confess that I/we could not have had the success we had without your diligence, help and devotion. I/we could only be successful because of our teams and our team members. We are forever indebted to you.

As of the writing of this letter, the plan is to close the practice at 3501 S Soncy Road, Suite 126, by July 31st, 2024. We would ask that you come by if you wish to say goodbye to the staff. You are also welcome and in fact encouraged to come by to get your records. We ask that you bring a portable chip with you so that we can upload all of your records for your own safekeeping. We would eternally rather that you have a copy than you struggling to find us in the future to get you a copy.

In closing, I again thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and the privilege that you have bestowed upon me (and Dr. Heffel) in letting us take care of you.

I wish you all the best and hope you have a blessed future.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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