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Dear Patients and Families:

It is with both joy and sadness that I am announcing my retirement from seeing patients at the end of July 2022.

For the past 33 years, I have had the pleasure of taking care of patients with respiratory and allergic conditions. I have been blessed with meeting patients ages 2 or 3 years old and continuing to help with their allergy needs over the years. I have seen them graduate from college and move on with their own careers and professions. It has been amazing to help three generations of the same family with their allergy care.

I have been immensely enriched by my interactions with you and your family. But unfortunately, over time, the practice of medicine in the United States has become increasingly difficult and tiresome. Having to fight with insurance companies to obtain proper care for patients, seeing the cost of "old" medications increase to the point of not being able to use them for patients in need, and dealing with the increasing burden of electronic medical record keeping has led to diminishing enjoyment.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be associated with the dedicated physicians and staff at Northwest Asthma and Allergy Center and particularly with the staff in the Redmond office where I have practiced since 1989.

I will miss chatting with you and your family. But we have great physicians in the group and two wonderful new physicians, Dr. William Nguyen and Dr. Daniel Groth, will be joining this year, so I know that I will be leaving you in terrific hands.

Wishing you only open roads, cool breezes, and lovely sunsets,

Michael Weiss, MD