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Dear Patients:

We are writing to advise you that Bethesda Physicians, PC will be permanently closing our practice as of September 30, 2022. Our unanimous decision to dissolve our group practice is amicable and one that we have made with great consideration.

Bethesda Physicians, PC has succeeded in providing outstanding medical care to all of our patients since 2001, when it was originally founded by Drs. Jane Chretien and Audrey Corson. While our partnership continues to practice cohesively, the pressure of practicing primary care Internal Medicine in the current financial, regulatory and COVID-pandemic climate challenges our ability to ensure the longevity of our practice. Therefore, we have each considered our options and have decided to move forwards as follows:

Dr. Jane Chretien will transition from private practice to a medical clinic providing care to low income, uninsured patients in Montgomery County. You can contact her with questions or concerns at a temporary e-mail address until September 30 (janechretienmd@yahoo.com). Dr. DiFresco and Dr. Fine will welcome any of her interested patients to their new practice (see enclosed letter). For Dr. Chretien's patients who wish to remain in Montgomery County, MedStar Chevy Chase (855-910-3278) and Johns Hopkins Community Physicians North Bethesda (240-557-0737) accept new patients. In addition, the Montgomery County Medical Society has a "physician finder" tool on their website (www.montgomerymedicine.org).

Dr. Veronica DiFresco will move to Foxhall Internists (www.foxhallinternists.com) effective November 7, 2022 and will be accepting new patients. Patients of Dr. DiFresco may contact her at a temporary e-mail address (drdifrescotransition@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

Dr. Delia Fine will also move to Foxhall Internists (www.foxhallinternists.com) effective October 1, 2022 and will be accepting new patients. Patients of Dr. Fine may contact her at a temporary e-mail address (drfinetransition@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

Dr. Erica Hwang will open her solo practice in Bethesda (True Physician Care, LLC) effective October 1, 2022. Patients of Dr. Hwang may contact her at her temporary e-mail address (drhwangtransition@truephysiciancare.com) with questions or concerns. In addition to continuing to care for her current patients who follow her, Dr. Hwang will accept immediate relatives of her patients provided that they are active patients at Bethesda Physicians. Otherwise, she remains closed to new patients.

Once you decide where you would like to receive your future medical care, please note the following: if you plan to continue your care with Dr. Hwang at True Physician Care or with Drs. Fine and DiFresco at Foxhall Internists, you do not need to do anything to transfer your records. We will continue to have access to them through our current EMR.

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If you decide to transfer your care to another practice, you may request your records through Medcopy. The forms and instructions to complete this process are on our website: www.mybethesdadocor.com

We realize that there will be many questions about the closing of our practice. Please utilize the emails listed above to reach out to us. **Please do not call the office**, as our staff will be unable to answer detailed questions about this transition.

Please see the following page for more detailed information about the transition of your doctor's practice. It has been a pleasure and privilege for us to care for you together at Bethesda Physicians.

Sincerely,

Jane H. Chretien, M.D.

Erica W. Hwang, M.D.

Delia R. Fine, M.D.

Veronica A. DiFresco, M.D.