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Dear Patients and Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you that I will no longer be able to continue my practice due to recent injuries which I have sustained. As you may have heard, I was injured in a mountain hiking accident which occurred on Mount San Gorgonio in March of this year. I fell down an icy chute approximately 150 feet and struck my right shoulder on several large boulders. I also suffered a head injury with a loss of consciousness and had to be rescued by the San Gorgonio Search and Rescue team which took most of the night. Subsequently, I required surgery to replace my right upper humerus, and have been undergoing extensive physical therapy.

Since my injuries have prevented me from returning to practice, I have recently made arrangements with Dr. Marc Kramer to assume my office hearing aid practice as I transition into an affiliated medical field. Dr. Kramer has practiced Otolaryngology in La Jolla for more than 25 years. He is joined by Dr. Angela Barrett, Doctor of Audiology, who has had extensive audiological and hearing aid experience. Their office is less than one mile from mine and they will contact you soon with information and a map to help your transition to their care.

Dr. Kramer is an active member of the medical staff at Scripps Memorial Hospital where he has served as Chief of the Otolaryngology Section of the Department of Surgery. His many years of experience have included an interest in up to date hearing aid technologies. Along with Dr. Barrett, I believe that Dr. Kramer's office will strive to provide optimal care for hearing impairments and related medical conditions. They can be reached at **(858) 457-4327**.

I am ever grateful for your trust over the past several years, and feel fortunate that I have been able to participate in the medical care of so many wonderful patients. I am sure that you will find Dr. Kramer and Dr. Barrett to be caring and professional individuals, and I have the utmost confidence in their abilities.

Sincerely yours,



John C. Vaughan, M.D.