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Dear Patient,

I am writing to let you know that I will be transitioning from individual patient care to a virtual model focused on digestive wellness education effective December 31st, 2021. It has been an honor and a source of great joy being your doctor. I've known many of you since 1997 when I first arrived in Washington and joined the faculty at Georgetown. Your faith in my ability gave me the courage to open the Digestive Center for Wellness in 2004 - a practice based on my values and belief in the power of food as medicine, judicious use of drugs, and patient empowerment as the goal. It has been wonderful getting to know you and your families as we've interacted over the years, and I'm so grateful for the incredible privilege of being entrusted with your care.

The challenges of keeping a solo medical practice afloat during the pandemic have been significant. But the hardships that we've individually and collectively faced during these unprecedented times have also inspired me to pursue a longstanding passion, which is expanding access to reliable digestive wellness information. In addition to teaching and writing, I'll be continuing to develop my educational platform, Gutbliss.com, while also launching disease-specific gut health courses and hosting free "office hours" for the public every Tuesday at noon. For more information and to register for any of our educational offerings, please visit DigestiveCenterforWellness.com

In terms of finding a new gastroenterologist, the right fit will depend on your diagnosis, the doctor's area of expertise, as well as their practice style and personality. I highly recommend my GI colleagues at MedStar Georgetown Hospital, especially Dr Mark Mattar for IBD, Dr Nadim Haddad for pancreatic and biliary problems, and Dr Tom Loughney, Dr Joe Jennings, and Dr Caren Palese for general GI. Of course, there are many additional excellent practitioners in the area. I have telehealth appointments available until the end of December if you'd like to discuss your current treatment plan or have questions about transitioning your care. Please contact us by email at admin@DigestiveCenterforWellness.com for appointments or medical record requests. Please also note that due to HIPAA regulations records can be faxed but not e-mailed.

And finally, thank you for being my patient. My life is richer because of it, and I hope your gut health has benefited too.

Wishing you health and happiness in the years to come.

Robynne Chutkan

Sincerely,
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