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Dear Patient,

The last year has been one of the most challenging for all of us. The Covid 19 Pandemic has called upon us to make sacrifices to keep ourselves and each other safe. It has demanded much from us emotionally, physically and spiritually. It has changed the way we do nearly everything.

For me, it has meant shifting my work to care for medical inpatients in our local hospital. This has included caring for those who are sick with Covid 19 and those who are experiencing other complicated health conditions. I thank Dr Fauser for being available to care for the patients of my family practice.

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to tell you that as of August 1, 2021 I will be taking a full-time position in hospital medicine and leaving the family practice in Clarksburg. Dr Fauser, who has now been a locum physician at Clarksburg Medical Group for over two years, will be staying permanently to assume your care.

I know this will come as a surprise to many of you. I can assure you that it has been a difficult personal decision. I care a great deal about each and every one of you, and about the team at Clarksburg Medical Group. As you know, there continues to be a shortage of physicians in the area. We are very fortunate that Dr Fauser, who is passionate about family medicine, is enthusiastic and well prepared to take over the practice.

Enclosed you will find a letter of introduction from Dr Fauser. I am confident that you will find her a caring and skilled doctor. The Clarksburg Medical Group team members are working diligently to make sure this transition is seamless. Dr Fauser will continue to be available during the same office hours as usual. Please contact our office if you intend to join a different family practice so that we may facilitate the transfer of your medical record.

It has been my honour and privilege to care for you and your family over these past 13 years. I will deeply miss the relationships and friendships that I share with you and I look forward to seeing many of you out and about in the community when that becomes possible once again.

Sincerely,

Dr Carola Elkhuisen