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To the Patients of WNC ENT and the WNC Community:

After careful consideration and reflection, I have made the difficult decision to close WNC Ear, Nose, Throat, Head & Neck Surgeons at the end of September of this year. For over 50 years this office has strived to provide excellent care to our patients, and for the next several months, we will work to transition your care to a new provider as smoothly as possible. We will provide recommendations and assist with the transfer of medical records upon your request.

To facilitate this process, we ask that you contact our office at 828-252-1853 or email us at ent@wncent.com by the end of September to discuss your future medical care needs and/or to request a copy of your medical records. If you have been a patient for the past 8 years, these records will be easily available. Older records may be available as well.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the trust and loyalty you have shown over the years. It has been an honor to serve you, and I appreciate your understanding and support during this time of change.

Sincerely,

Barry Pate, Jr. MD