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Dear Patient,

To begin, I would like to thank you for the trust that you have given me over the years as your physician. Taking care of you, and in some cases, your family, has been an honor for me. Your continuing health and wellness are my priorities. I am writing to you today to inform you that I will be closing my practice effective February 29, 2024, and I will be available to you until that date for your care, although my office hours in February will be limited. It is important that you continue with appropriate medical care – therefore, you should establish contact with another physician as soon as possible. In order to help you find another doctor, I am providing the following information:

1. If you are in a Managed Care situation, or if the alternatives provided below are not satisfactory, you may need to contact your healthcare insurance carrier for a referral within your network.

2. Internal Medicine/Primary Care Physician (PCP):

For those of you already seeing Arthur Kennish MD as a Cardiologist, you may contact his office at 212-410-2232 as either a regular Internal Medicine patient, or you may choose his Concierge option.

For those of you already seeing Jeffrey Graf MD as a Cardiologist, you may contact his office at 212-410-6001 for his Concierge Internal Medicine practice only.

Or, contact your local Medical Society for referral to Internal Medicine/PCP's who participate in your plan:

Medical Society of the State of New York: 516-488-6100

New York County Medical Society: 212-684-4670

Bronx County Medical Society: 347-933-0434

Brooklyn County Medical Society: 718-745-5800

Queens County Medical Society: 718-268-7300

3. Gastroenterology/Digestive Disorders Physician (GI):

I am highly recommending Steven Naymagon MD, who is affiliated with Mount Sinai, as my replacement. His address is 1150 Fifth Avenue, and his phone number is 212-369-2490. He participates in all commercial plans and Medicare.

Or, for another PCP or GI, in order to stay within the Mount Sinai Health System, call the Physician Referral Line: 800-MD-SINAI, and ask for referrals to Internal Medicine/PCP's or GI's who participate in your plan.

[] Your next screening colonoscopy is due: _____.

The enclosed HIPAA-compliant authorization form is necessary to release a copy of your medical records to you or your new MD. Please complete the form and return it as soon as possible. Upon receipt of this signed, fully executed form, my office will forward a copy of your medical records, subject to the NY State-approved charge of \$0.75 per page plus postage. After closure of my practice, your records will be transferred to Morgan Records Management, the "Records Custodian", who will maintain your records in accordance with applicable confidentiality and security standards, and with other applicable laws. Your original records will be destroyed no less than 6 years after the last date of services you received from this practice. Once your records have been transferred to the Records Custodian, after closure of my office, you may submit requests to the Records Custodian: **Morgan Records Management: Medical Records. Online: [MorganRecordsManagement.com](https://www.MorganRecordsManagement.com)>PatientRecordsRequests>RequestMyMedicalRecords. Email: Medical@MorganRM.com. Phone: 833-888-0061.**

Wishing you all the best,

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