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Dear Patient,

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my official retirement from active medical practice effective at the end of this year. It has been a difficult decision to make, since the recent years have provided a spectacular array of scientific breakthroughs in targeted therapies that have made the practice of oncology more satisfying and hopeful. I have often been asked, over the years, the question: "How can you continue to practice in this field with the gravity of the diseases and the defeats that are experienced day-after-day". Well, I can safely say that the sustaining factor for me as a medical oncologist has been the inspiration of my patients as they have shown incredible strength, fortitude and magnanimity in facing sometimes insurmountable obstacles. You, the patients, have in many instances taught us the true value of life and how it should be lived in it's most productive and inspiring form. Seeing the strength of my patients as they face formidable odds, and how they have dealt with it, combined with the wonderfully transforming developments in the field have been sustaining factors for me, and I know, also for my colleagues. With each passing month we see new therapies being developed that deliver better results with less toxicity, often converting irreversibly fatal diseases to either curable or controllable chronic illnesses. To those of you who have participated in clinical trials, I want to thank you for your altruism and want you to know that your participation leads the way in defining the progress in the field of oncology.

Going forward, I will be selecting physicians in my practice to become your primary hematologist/oncologist. My selection for you will be based on your disease process and the relative expertise of the practitioner. In addition, I will attempt to match patients with doctors with whom I believe there will be an excellent professional relationship, but also a maximal level of comfort and confidence.

Beginning in 2014, I will still be present in the practice, primarily as a backup physician. However, I will certainly be available to my colleagues who will be caring for you, and remain accessible for advice and information with issues that may arise necessitating my input. Your care should continue smoothly and seamlessly.

I want to thank all of you for being such wonderful patients and permitting me to participate in your care. Believe me, the benefit is mutual. May you continue to enjoy the best of health for many years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely yours,

Edward R. George, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
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