

Dear Parents and Patients,

We would like to apologize for the confusion that arose following our previous letter. After much deliberation and with heavy hearts, Dr. Snyder and Dr. McGowan, have decided to close San Diego Pediatrics due to retirement age and continued health issues.

While we are available to provide your child(ren) with medical care until September 13th, you will need to secure a new physician prior to that date to ensure continuous care. You may consult your Health Insurance via the number on the back of your insurance card or consult the San Diego Medical Society at (858)565-8888 or at their website: <a href="https://www.sdcms.org/find-a-physician.aspx">https://www.sdcms.org/find-a-physician.aspx</a>

After September 13<sup>th</sup> until September 30<sup>th</sup>, if you have not selected a new provider, you can obtain acute, critical, or emergency care by consulting with our well-respected colleagues at La Mesa Pediatrics. Their website is <a href="https://lamesapeds.com/">https://lamesapeds.com/</a>, and their triage line is (619)464-6434.

If your present Provider has any ordered labs, imaging or referrals for your child that have not been completed, please reach out to your Family's new Provider to notify them that orders have been submitted. Make sure that the servicing facility knows to send results to your new Provider.

All medical records are confidential and protected by federal privacy and security regulations. With your authorization, a copy of your child(ren)'s medical records can be released to you or transferred to a physician electronically or on paper.

Attached to this letter you will find a Medical Records Release Form. Please complete this form and send it back at your earliest convenience. After we receive the form, we will notify you when the records are ready. You may pick up your medical records at the office until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, we can have the records mailed or email to you or your new provider.

It has been a privilege and pleasure caring for your children over the years. We have greatly valued our relationship with your family and we wish you the best of health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joel M. Snyder Dr. Karen McGowan