



FAMILY MEDICINE ASSOCIATES

Dear Patients,

After 40 years here in Manchester, the time has come for me to retire and transition my practice to the next generation of bright, capable, and caring family physicians. I shall be retiring from FMA on March 31, 2017.

Over all these years I have seen many changes and dealt with many challenges in the practice of medicine. But I have always felt, and what has kept me going with real enthusiasm, is that I have been lucky to have the nicest and most responsive patients in the world. It has been a true privilege to help guide your healthcare and to get to know each of you as patients and friends.

I also want to say that I have also been very lucky to have the best team of nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants and office staff working with me. They are the most hardworking and caring group and without them we certainly could not have been successful.

Now we are very fortunate to have found Dr. Alison Green and Dr. Paul Silveri to carry on your care. They have both already started seeing patients in the practice, so I have just cut back to working two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of March and shall be leaving altogether then.

Dr. Green and Dr. Silveri are fully trained, board certified family physicians who have just moved to Ipswich from Arkansas. They have all the necessary intelligence and skills, but also have a strong work ethic and a true compassion for doing right by their patients that made me choose them to succeed me at FMA. They also bring real meaning to the phrase "family practice" as they are married to each other. I am very confident that they will provide the best care possible for you going forward and will uphold the high standards and expectations for patient care that we have always had at FMA.

It is my hope that you will continue your medical care with either Dr. Green or Dr. Silveri and the wonderful nurse practitioners on our team, Stephanie Strout, Pat Sheridan, and Suzie Baughn.

I do not know yet what is next for me, certainly more time with family and some travel. But I also know that I am not done contributing somehow to improving the delivery of healthcare on the North Shore. I shall miss our regular contact at the office very much, but look forward to seeing you all around in the community.

All my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Barrett M.D." in a cursive, flowing script.

Steven A. Barrett, M.D.

How to change YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER designation:

AT FMA:

Call FMA and simply tell our patient care telephone representative whether you would like to designate **Dr. Alison Green** or **Dr. Paul Silveri** as your PCP. You will still be able to see the team's nurse practitioners: **Stephanie Strout, Pat Sheridan, and Suzie Baughn** for your care.

You can also do this by email (jspencer@fma.md), regular mail, or through the MyChart general messaging system.

If you have questions or need assistance, please ask for Julie Spencer at our Manchester office (978-526-4311).

WITH YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY:

If you have a plan that is an HMO or requires that you designate a participating Primary Care Provider (PCP) you must also call the plan to change your designated PCP to Dr. Green or Dr. Silveri prior to your next appointment.

Some examples of plans requiring notification of change of PCP are:

- HMO Blue
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan
- Tuft Associated Health Plan
- Tufts Medicare Preferred
- Fallon Community Health Plan
- Aetna
- UnitedHealthcare
- Neighborhood Health Plan
- Boston Medical Center Health Plan
- Minuteman Health
- MassHealth