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Dear Beloved Patient,

After 23 years at NE Ohio Eye Surgeons, it is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my departure from Northeast Ohio Eye Surgeons (NEOES) and retirement from patient care as of January 19, 2024. Although I will miss my patients, I am happy to announce that I will be the next Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Optometric Association where I can continue to advocate for eye care needs for patients across Ohio as well as advance and promote the profession of Optometry. I will be working with legislators, other medical associations, the Ohio Department of Health, and The Ohio State University College of Optometry to ensure continued access to eye and vision care.

I have been privileged to work with outstanding surgeons and ophthalmologists as well as recruit and work alongside the best optometric team at NEOES. I am most honored to have experienced deep doctor-patient relationships over the years, and to concentrate in medical and post-surgical glaucoma. I have enjoyed my time over the years at NEOES helping to build the practice and care for your eyes and vision. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for being able to get to know you and your families. The love and care you have shown me will never be forgotten. This was a difficult decision, but it was time to make this change and give back to the profession I love so dearly.

If you currently have an appointment with me, you will be contacted by our scheduling department and scheduled with one of my partners accordingly. Although I wish I could talk to you each individually, that is not possible due to the volume. I too will continue to get my eyes examined at NEOES because I truly believe we have the most caring, dedicated, and skilled staff and doctors.

Thank you for supporting me during this transition. I look forward to my next role as Executive Director of the Ohio Optometric Association but will miss all of you dearly. May you continue to protect your eye health and I hope our paths will cross again. Please say hello to me if you see me in the grocery store or in town!

Sincerely,

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