

Physician MEMO

To | My NMG and FMC colleagues

From | John Patterson, MD

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Re | Decision to set a new course

I am writing to share some news with you concerning a personal decision I have recently made. I would prefer not doing this with a memo, but I wanted to make sure you hear this news from me personally.

I have decided to leave Winston Salem at the end of April to join the medical staff of the Cardiovascular Institute of the South in Lafayette, Louisiana. Although it is difficult to leave a practice where you have built a steady patient-base, which takes years to do, I am at a point in my career where I feel if I ever want to experience a different environment, I need to make a change now. I'm excited about the opportunity I have in Louisiana, but I am sad to leave my friends, colleagues and patients here in Winston-Salem.

I came to Winston-Salem in 1994 and have truly enjoyed my career here. I am honored to work with my colleagues at Winston-Salem Cardiology and am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved for our patients and our community. I genuinely value the relationships I have developed across Forsyth Medical Center and Novant Medical Group since I arrived. I will sincerely miss you all. Thanks to each of you for all of the support you have given to me, and my patients, every day.

I do regret not being able to continue with you on the journey towards delivering a remarkable patient experience. Winston-Salem Cardiology and FMC already provide excellent care; to see where you are heading is very exciting. I am proud to have been a part of the process and know there are only great things ahead for you.

I know I am leaving you and your patients in the excellent hands of my colleagues at Winston-Salem Cardiology. The leadership at FMC has a great vision for the future of cardiology and I wish you all the best as you work to achieve that vision.

Thank you again for your support and your friendship over the years; you will never know how much it has meant to me.

Sincerely,

John B. Patterson, MD