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Re: Important Notice Regarding Your Medical Retina Care

Dear Valued Patients,

I am writing to inform you of an important change regarding your retinal care. As of June 12, 2025, I will no longer be practicing at Eye Care Specialists and will be moving out of the area.

As your retina specialist, I understand the critical nature of timely follow-up care to preserve vision. It is essential that you continue receiving medical attention as recommended to avoid any risk of vision loss. Given current patient capacity constraints, Eye Care Specialists may have limited availability to accommodate ongoing retina care. While some patients may be able to transition to another specialist within the practice, the majority will likely need to seek care outside of this practice.

Options for Your Ongoing Retina Care

To ensure continuity of care, you have the following options:

1. **Transition to Another Retina Specialist at Eye Care Specialists or Northeastern Eye Institute (Limited Availability):**
 - There may be limited availability within Eye Care Specialists and Northeastern Eye Institute for patients who wish to continue their care at this location or in Scranton with:
 - Dr. Anthony Andrews
 - Dr. Randall Peairs
 - If you are interested in this option, please contact Deborah Kunda at (570) 464-6820 as soon as possible to check availability and schedule an appointment.
2. **Find Another Retina Specialist Outside of Eye Care Specialists**
 - If space is unavailable within Eye Care Specialists or if you prefer another provider, you may choose to transfer your care to a different retina specialist. Some possible options include:
 - Dr. James Kasenchak at Geisinger
 - Dr. Benjamin Hale at Geisinger
 - Dr. Tamara Vrabec at Geisinger in Danville
 - Dr. Steven Marks at Geisinger in Danville
 - Dr. Mouhammed Abuattieh in Allentown



- You can also find a provider through:
 - Your insurance network’s provider directory
 - The American Academy of Ophthalmology’s website:
www.aao.org
 - The American Society of Retina Specialists’ website:
www.asrs.org
 - Your primary care physician’s referral

3. Request Your Medical Records:

- If you choose to seek care with another provider, you may request a copy of your medical records to ensure continuity of care. You have the right to access or transfer your records under federal HIPAA laws and Pennsylvania state regulations.
- To request your records, please call Eye Care Specialists at (570) 288-7405 and select the Medical Records prompt, or submit a written request to Stacy Perez, ECS Medical Records Department, 703 Rutter Ave, Kingston, PA 18704.

Time-Sensitive Action Needed

I strongly encourage you to schedule a follow-up appointment with a new retina specialist as soon as possible to avoid any gaps in your care. If you are currently receiving treatments, it is critical to maintain the scheduled treatment interval. Failure to do so could result in serious complications, including loss of vision.

It has been an honor to care for you, and I appreciate the trust you have placed in me. I wish you the best in your continued eye health and vision care.

Sincerely,

Erik Kruger, MD

