



**Dear valued patient,**

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing today to announce my retirement from Palmetto ENT & Allergy. After more than 40 years of practicing medicine, a recent cancer diagnosis has changed my path, and I have decided to step away from full-time practice on September 15, 2023.

Over the years, I have built lasting relationships with patients and their families, sometimes treating the next generation. I value my patients' trust in my care, and I am confident you will find the same compassionate approach to medicine in my colleagues at Palmetto ENT & Allergy. Our team is comprised of Dr. Anna Lee Bouknight and Dr. Tab Thompson in the Devine Street and Irmo offices and Dr. Neal Burkhalter, Dr. Melanie Seybt and Dr. Andrew Battiata in the Lexington office. They have extensive experience in pediatric care and will welcome my patients in the same manner as I have over the years.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my career and having the opportunity to laugh with kids, get to know parents and be a part of our outstanding medical community. I will miss seeing the joy on kids' and parents' faces when they are feeling and sleeping better.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to participate in your child's care, and I wish you the best of health and happiness in the future.

Sincerely,

**Fred T. Garner, M.D.**