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Dear Colleagues:

By now many of you have heard that I have been offered and accepted the position of Vice President for Safety, Quality and Medical Affairs at Sibley Memorial Hospital. While this will be an exciting challenge, it is also a part time position, allowing me to continue to practice with my colleagues at Foxhall Surgical Associates.

I will focus my clinical activity on Diseases of the Breast, Thyroid and Parathyroid surgery, as well as Colonoscopy and Abdominal Wall Hernias. This will allow me to keep active clinically and continue to provide continuity of care to my current breast cancer patients, as well as any new patients you might be kind enough to refer. It will also give me credibility in my new position at Sibley, allowing me to relate more directly with members of the medical staff, while trying to oversee the quality of the care we all provide.

My colleagues at Foxhall Surgical Associates have been very supportive in allowing me to pursue this opportunity. They will still be available to provide the excellent care you have come to expect, including advanced laparoscopic surgery for colon disease and many other intra-abdominal conditions. We have been providing in-office ultrasound guided breast biopsy for some time, and now have the capacity for vacuum assisted biopsy as well. Dr. Long continues to oversee and develop the bariatric program at Sibley Center For Weight Loss Surgery, in collaboration with Dr. Garrett and Dr. Palmer, who assist him with this patient population.

I and my associates appreciate your support in the past, and look forward to this new phase of my career.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Petrucci, M.D.