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Dear Patients, Colleagues and Friends:

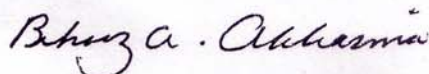
It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that I will be ending my clinical practice at the San Diego Center for Spinal Disorders effective January 1, 2014. I have made this decision in order to devote more time to my research and teaching activities and of course spend more time with my family. At that time, my talented associates, Dr. Ramin Bagheri and Dr. Gregory M. Mundis, Jr., will assume the care of my patients. Dr. Mundis will also succeed my position as Medical Director of the San Diego Center for Spinal Disorders. I have every confidence in Ramin and Greg's abilities and I appreciate your support during this transition. I also plan to continue to participate in and help with our newly established Early Onset Scoliosis Program at Rady Children's Hospital, San Diego.

For me, this is not a retirement, as I will continue to remain active in research and education and I will maintain my role as President of the San Diego Spine Foundation, which supports our research and educational efforts, as well as my role at the Growing Spine Foundation, which supports research, education, and advocacy for all young children with early onset spinal deformities.

I appreciate your support of my difficult decision to focus 100% of my attention to research and education with the goal of improving the quality of care for all patients both locally in San Diego as well as globally. I have enjoyed my years as a practicing surgeon and feel blessed to have had such a tremendous opportunity to work with and learn from wonderful colleagues and to serve our patients and communities for the past 40 years.

Thank you again for your support and friendship.

Sincerely,



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