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Dear patients, friends, and colleagues:

It is with mixed emotion that I write this letter announcing my departure from Yelm Family Medicine effective April 1, 2017. For almost 6 years, Yelm Family Medicine has been home. Despite loving my time in Yelm and all of you, I have made the difficult decision to leave the practice in 2017. For several years I have worked a rigorous schedule that has taken time away from my growing family. After a lot of sleepless nights and many thoughtful discussions, I have made the decision to work part time and stop doing obstetrical care for the next few years. This decision was made based on the demands of my family and home life, and one that did not come easy.

Beginning in April 2017, I will transition to exclusive work as a medical director for skilled nursing facilities. In my new position, I will have the opportunity to work part time and have more flexibility with my schedule, while filling a vital need in our community with elder care. I will continue to do dedicated weekends throughout the year with the University of Washington Family Medicine Residency Program in Olympia. In that capacity, I will get to share my love of teaching and continue providing obstetrical care for residency patients.

While I am saddened to make this announcement, I am also very happy to share that Dr. Monica Wilhelm will be taking over my practice in May of 2017. Dr. Wilhelm has been practicing in the area as a family physician for over 16 years. She brings with her a wealth of experience and I have the utmost confidence in her ability to assume the care for many of my patients. For pregnant patients, Drs. Sweet and Wilson will take over management and continue to provide excellence in maternity care right here in Yelm.

In the interim between my departure and the arrival of Dr. Wilhelm, my remaining partners will be covering any acute visits, prescriptions, labs etc. Additionally, we have two new physicians- Drs. Wardrop and Wilson. Both joined our practice in 2015. Dr. Wardrop has special interests in pediatrics, men's health, weight loss management, and suboxone treatment. Dr. Wilson has special interests in obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, and transgender care. Both are accepting new patients.

Thank you again for sharing your lives with me over the years. It is truly bittersweet as I close this chapter of my career. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months to say my goodbyes.

With love and gratitude,

Jessica Van Fleet-Green, MD