

Open letter to all patients of Piedmont Neurosurgery

After beginning my practice of neurosurgery here in Hickory 35 years ago, it is now time for me to retire, effective 3/31/24. Since I am in solo practice, this office will completely close.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your trusted neurosurgeon during this time, and I will miss many of the relationships forged over the past years. I rarely met a patient who could not teach me something valuable, both personally and professionally.

I recommend that you find another physician, if needed, to take care of you. If you do not know of another appropriate physician, you may contact the North Carolina Medical Society, or visit the North Carolina Medical Board website at www.ncmedboard.org for resources. If you specifically desire a local neurosurgeon, I can recommend:

Dr. Mark Ishak and Dr. Barry Kaplan, FryeCare Neurosurgery, phone 828-304-2527.

There are also more distant options with large Neurosurgery Departments in Winston-Salem and Charlotte:

Wake Forest/Baptist Neurosurgery, phone 1-336-716-4018.

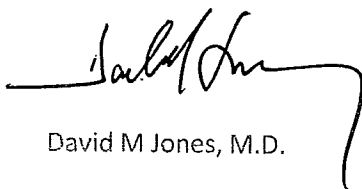
Carolina Neurosurgery and Spine, phone 1-800-344-6716.

You may wish to obtain copies of your medical records, and you have a few options. If you do not have an urgent need for your records in the next few months, my charts and records are going to be taken over and managed by the FryeCare Neurosurgery program referenced above. This will have taken place by the end of March, and your records will be once again readily available from that source. Or, until then, I will transfer my records of your care to a physician that you designate. Since these records are confidential, I would need your written authorization to make them available to another physician. For this reason, I am enclosing an authorization form if you choose to do this.

If you wish to have a personal copy of your records, please arrange a time in advance with my office to pick up those records, for which there will be a small administrative/copy fee.

I extend to you all my best wishes for your future health and happiness.

Sincerely,



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