

Women's Health and Aesthetics
Seasons
Dr. Yamaki

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Dear Patient,

It has been my great pleasure to have cared for you along with my excellent staff. However, the time has come for me to inform you that I have decided to retire and close my practice. I know many of you have dreaded this day, but after 41 years of practicing medicine, my clock too is ticking along. This was not an easy decision to make. Both Bob and I have continued to work this far because we cared deeply about all of you and our staff. However, over the past year, the pandemic's impact on our business, personal health issues, the loss of family members and new family responsibilities (my 89 year old mother now lives with us) have caused me to reflect and now make this difficult decision.

Medicine like many businesses has changed radically over recent decades. Outside forces have increasingly dictated the rules we operate under and placed small practices at a significant disadvantage. This is why most physicians now work for hospitals or very large clinics. I have always loved being an independent physician so that I could manage and advocate for patients to the best of my ability, but change is inevitable. This model is no longer sustainable. It is now important for you to find a new provider to assume your ongoing care. I encourage you to start this at your earliest opportunity to ensure a smooth transition for yourself.

I urge you take an active role in your health care decisions and choose a facility where you will be happy with the care provided. I am not able to recommend anyone who practices like myself. However, there are many excellent physicians in our region. So I encourage you to be open minded; expect change and do your homework in searching for a new provider. If you need help, you might consider some of the following: contact friends, family and co-workers, check with your health plan, inquire with your local hospital network and consider online reviews such as Healthgrades, RateMDs, Vitals, Google, Yelp etc . If you notify us (before we close) where you are planning to seek future care we will forward the pertinent information from your chart to the new office to facilitate your ongoing care.

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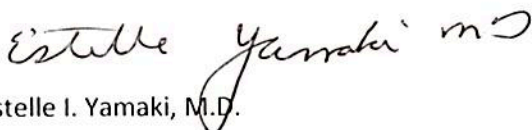
The last day my office will remain open is May 28, 2021. If you need to be seen by one of us (Carey Morrill, ARNP, Estheticians - Patty and Tia or myself) at my clinic before the closing date, please call and schedule an appointment at your earliest convenience. Also, if you've been putting off getting labs, ultrasounds, mammograms etc done, please get this done soon. Otherwise, you may need to use your new provider to interpret and handle these results on your behalf.

Commencing June 1st a copy of your medical records will start to be converted into an electronic file and securely placed under the care of a HIPPA compliant records storage facility. These records will be available to you and maintained for a period of 10 years. Complete copies of your records will become available by contacting Morgan Records Management, LLC 800-604-3994 (select option 3), 603-606-1126 (facsimile) or from their website www.Morganrecordsmanagement.com (Select Medical Records Requests tab → Request My Records). For your convenience this information will be posted on our web page www.seasonsbydryamaki.com. Please note there will be a modest administrative fee for the handling of record requests.

It has been my pleasure getting to know many of you personally, and I appreciate the trust you have placed in our hands over the years. I truly feel like we've all been in just one big family gathering every time we meet. Thank you for your words of kindness and support. Recently my name was listed in the 2020 Top Docs WA directory for gynecology. This honor is really thanks to my entire staff. All of us will miss our times together but take comfort knowing that we will be exiting on a high note.

Thank you for letting us share time together in your life's journey. I wish you the best and will miss many of you dearly. I hope to cross paths with many of you again.

Sincerely,


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