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To my Shoreview Patients, Families and Associates:

On August 14, 2026, I will celebrate my 31st year at Shoreview Pediatrics. I have so many memories and feelings of love for all the people that I've worked with, in addition to the special families and their children that I have had the privilege to help in sickness and health. As my career remains strong within my heart, my physical health is an everchallenging fight.

As most of you know and have observed over the past several years, I have developed increased difficulty with walking and balance. I have had multiple medical evaluations and tests to determine the cause of my imbalance and walking changes. Initially, it was felt that my medical condition was caused by a significant degenerative back disease causing nerve compression in my lower back leading to the loss of normal function in my legs. In an attempt to correct my condition, I received a lumbar laminectomy (surgery) in February of 2025. The surgery was a success, however I continued with lower leg weakness. Furthermore, it became apparent to me that after a few months of recovery, that my condition was more than this.

After multiple examinations and further testing, I was diagnosed in December 2025 with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). ALS is a non-treatable neurologic condition of motor nerve degeneration that gradually causes nerve damage and loss of movement to the muscles of your entire body. The physicians at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota feel that my progression is slow but in time has and will continue to progress. At this point, my health is good but I am gradually starting to lose my ability to walk.

As my time at Shoreview is gradually decreasing, I remain determined to continue to work as long as I am able. Unfortunately, despite this drive to continue my time at Shoreview Pediatrics, I have to be realistic about my future. Each month, my legs are gradually weakening and it has become very difficult to walk, bend and support myself.

Therefore, I want to announce that on October 2, 2026, I am officially retiring from my practice of Pediatric medicine. This decision has not been made in haste and has been gut wrenchingly difficult to make but has been solely based on my physical incapacities. I thank you for the opportunity to serve your children at Shoreview Pediatrics and for all the other members of the SVP team. Upon my departure from practice, I leave all my cherished patients in the very capable hands of the physicians and staff at Shoreview Pediatrics. I am so blessed with having had a career that has been so fulfilling!

Thank you in advance for your support and all the well wishes that you have given me over this most trying time of physical disability. I have always felt that my job was more than a place of employment but an extension of my own family. My job has allowed me to come into the lives of your children and hopefully my care has made a significant impact in the health and future of their lives. It has truly made a difference in mine!

With warmest regards and appreciation,

Dr. Patrick Fuller