

December 20, 2022

Dear Patient,



I hope this letter finds you in good health. I am writing to inform you of an upcoming change which may affect your health care. After several months of not actively being able to see patients, I have decided to retire from the practice of Orthopedics. This comes with mixed emotions, as Austin Regional Clinic has been my professional home for the past five years.

- **Tuesday, January 3, 2023 will be my last day at Austin Regional Clinic.**

Please disregard this letter if you are not a regular patient of mine, your care at ARC will not change.

It is very important to me as well as Austin Regional Clinic that you maintain continuous health care. ARC's electronic medical record system allows your records to be accessed from any ARC location, and ensures that all my notes and all your medical records will be available for your future care.

At Austin Regional Clinic it is our standard that we support our partners and take care of each other's patients. With over 25 years of experience treating neck and low back disorders, my colleague, **Michael M. Farris, PA**, will be more than happy to see you for your specific lower back and spine issues and take excellent care of your health at any of the ARC locations listed below:

Michael M. Farris, PA – Orthopedics; Lower Back, Spine

- **ARC Cedar Park, Bldg B**
(512-259-3467)
- **ARC Medical Park Tower Ortho**
(512-454-4561)
- **ARC Southwest**
(512-282-8967)
- **ARC Round Rock**
(512-244-9024)
- **ARC South 1st**
(512-443-1311)

As appointment availability can be limited, I encourage you to reach out to your primary care provider (PCP) to help manage & coordinate your care needs, such as getting a referral to a spine specialist outside of the ARC system, if needed.

For your convenience, you can schedule an appointment in the following ways:

- Schedule directly at **MyChartARC.com**, if you have an ARC MyChart account.
- Book an appointment online at **ARCappointments.com**.
- Call any ARC location listed above, anytime **24/7** and press "**1**" to speak to a scheduler.

If you would like any additional help choosing a new doctor, please call our referral line at **512-ARC-INFO (512-272-4636)**. You can also read about all of our doctors at **AustinRegionalClinic.com/find-a-doctor**.

I am truly grateful to you for entrusting me with your health and allowing me to be your doctor.

Sincerely,

George (Buddy) W. Tipton, MD | ARC Department of Orthopedics

After Hours &
Same-Day Care
Allergy & Asthma
Audiology

Cardiology
Clinical Research
Dermatology
Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)

Endocrinology
Extensivist Medicine
Family Medicine
Gastroenterology

General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Neurology
Obstetrics & Gynecology

Orthopedics
Pediatrics
Podiatry
Reproductive Medicine

Rheumatology
Sports & Musculoskeletal
Medicine