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**Re: Closing of our Great Falls office**

To our cherished ESSNV patients currently receiving services in our Great Falls office:

We are writing to inform you that we will be closing our Great Falls office effective Friday, October 14th, 2022. Our last day of seeing patients in this office will be Thursday, October 13th, 2022. It was truly an honor to assume the care of patients in the Great Falls area and to continue the care of Dr. Tim Malone for the last three years. It was a very difficult decision but with space constraints, we felt this change was the best choice to adequately serve our patients moving forward. We want to assure you, however, that we will proudly provide all your care in our larger Fair Oaks and Gainesville, Virginia offices. Obviously, we value you as a patient and hope you continue to receive your eye care in either our Fair Oaks or Gainesville offices. In the event that’s not logistically possible, we will certainly help you transition your care to another Ophthalmologist.

We wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some other aspects of our office that may be important to consider as you weigh your options for eye care. We now have a fellowship trained glaucoma specialist, Dr. Sabita Ittoop, another fellowship trained cornea specialist, Dr. Erin Ong, and a fellowship trained oculoplastic specialist, Dr. Kristen Dunbar. We continue to have the support and excellent care of our other Medical Doctors and Optometrists. We now offer convenient, cost effective, and safe eye surgery in our Fair Oaks office so there won’t be a need for IV lines, fasting, complex surgical fees and procedures. Lastly, we offer the latest in technology, including the first in our region to offer light adjustable lenses for cataract surgery. We continue to lead the area in technological advances, and we hope you continue to honor us by remaining as our patient.

We realize that change can be difficult and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Again, our staff will be here to help answer any questions you may have. Additionally, we’ve created an email address for our Great Falls patients at **GFVIP@essnv.com**that will be given priority from our staff for further assistance and information.

It’s been our sincere pleasure working with you and we certainly hope to see you in either Fair Oaks or Gainesville locations. In the interim, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us or stop by our offices.

Sincerely,

The Surgeons and Staff at ESSNV

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