

To My Patients:

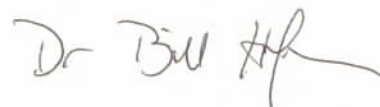
For the past six years, I have had the extraordinary privilege of caring for you and your families. I have seen your children grow, shared in the joy of being a new grandparent, and in some cases, shared your tears. Words cannot express what these experiences have meant to me. I can say that, without a doubt, this has been one of the best times of my life.

However, after a great deal of consideration with my wife, I find that it is time to leave Fox Valley Ear, Nose, and Throat. We will be moving to Wisconsin to pursue practice opportunities there. My final day with the practice will be July 31, 2009.

Your medical records will remain with the practice. My partners will continue to provide you and yours with truly outstanding care.

Thank you for allowing me to share in your lives for the past years. It has been nothing short of amazing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Bill Hofmann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William C. Hofmann, M.D.