



March 29, 2021

Dear Patients of Dr. Valantas,

Dr. Michael Valantas, DO has provided compassionate care for you and your families since 2004 at Internal Medicine Associates. We are writing to formally inform our patients that Dr. Valantas is retiring from active practice and will not be returning from his medical leave of absence as announced in July of 2020.

As you all know, Internal Medicine Associates is staffed with some of the most knowledgeable and caring gastroenterology physicians in the state. In an effort to afford you with an easy transition to a new provider, we have thoughtfully reassigned your care to another gastroenterology physician within our practice. Please be assured that our staff will do absolutely everything we can to make the transition smooth and stress free.

You can review the bios of all of our physicians by visiting our website at www.internalmedak.com.


Your medical records are confidential and will remain on file with Internal Medicine Associates. If you choose another physician within our organization, you do not need to take any action concerning your records. We understand that some of you may want to select a new physician outside of our practice. We recommend that you begin looking for a new physician as soon as possible. You may contact the physician referral line at local hospitals, call your insurance directly, or you may use one of the many online physician referral systems. If you choose a physician outside of our clinic, you will need to sign an authorization form before we can release your medical records.

Please note, we cannot share your medical information without your written consent, unless otherwise authorized by law. You may sign this form at our office or you may complete the necessary paperwork at your first visit with your new doctor.

It has been a great pleasure for Dr. Valantas, meeting and caring for you all. We so grateful to him and his many contributions to our patients, staff, and organization and are excited for him as he embarks on this new adventure.

We here at IMA sincerely appreciate your friendship and loyalty and wish you continued good health and all the best in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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