

Dear Patients, Parents, and Colleagues past and present:

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement from Pediatric Services at the end of March, after nearly 39 years of service. I am truly blessed to have been able to serve my entire career in pediatrics at a wonderful practice with dedicated and caring practitioners and staff! I have been continuously humbled and honored that you put your trust in me to care for your precious children.

Becoming a doctor had been a dream of mine since childhood. My journey to Pediatric Services began in September 1979, when I was assigned to work and learn in my first clinical rotation outside the classroom as a second-year medical student. I quickly became fascinated with the joys of pediatrics especially under the tutelage of prominent pediatricians Jack Tobin, Bill Bevis and Jim McLeod. My enthusiasm never waned. Throughout medical school, I continued to return to Pediatric Services during my free time for more work, education and - I dare say - fun. By the time I had finished medical school, the partners of Pediatric Services had promised me a job after I completed pediatric residency training.

My view of medicine has always been as a calling, and as a result I have dedicated my career to my patients and the practice, sometimes at the expense of my family and friends. Thankfully, I have also been blessed with a wonderful, understanding and supportive wife of 45+ years and children and now grandchildren who have been beside me for the entire journey. I can't thank them enough for their sacrifice.

As a lifelong Minnesotan, I am neither leaving nor becoming a snowbird; I miss home too much when I've been away. I plan to continue as the Medical Director for the Children's Health Network, where I hope to continue to have an impact on improving the lives of children, their families and the clinics serving the entire network. Of course, there will also be more time to play with my grandchildren, golf, bike, ski, travel and maybe even sleep past 6 AM!

I leave Pediatric Services comforted by the knowledge that both the clinic and its patients are in good hands, as my partners carry on the tradition of providing excellent and compassionate care long into the future. My sincere hope is that you will continue to use Pediatric Services for your child's health care and transfer to one of my partners.

It has been the privilege of my life to have cared for your children and families; words cannot describe my gratitude and I can't thank you all enough for your kindness over the years. My sincere wish is that each and every one of you enjoys a happy and healthy life journey!

All the Best,

Steve Inman