



September 14, 2020

To all my wonderful patients,

The time has come. It is with both joy and sadness that I announce my upcoming retirement from orthopaedic surgery practice in Bellingham, effective December 31, 2020.

Since arriving here fresh out of residency from the University of Washington in July 1988, at the age of 31, I have been so blessed to have had a busy, rewarding, and at times challenging practice these past 32 ½ years, thanks to you! It has been my honor and special privilege to care for you and develop long and special relationships with many of you. I am profoundly grateful to you (and my nurse Barb, who has been with me 31 years!) for helping make my career so exceptional. Retirement is bittersweet, to say the least. However, my wife and I look forward to traveling and enjoying life with our 5 kids and soon to be 10 grandkids.

My group, Pacific Rim Orthopaedic Surgeons, has added a partner, Paul Haeder, M.D., who will inherit much of my practice devoted to sports medicine and joint replacement. He attended Medical School at the University of South Dakota, completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Kansas, and completed a Sports Medicine Fellowship at SOAR in San Francisco. In addition, my other partners, Michael Gannon, M.D., Chris Van Hofwegen, M.D., and Jason Dahl, M.D., are available to meet all your needs also.

If you need to see me before December 31st, I would love to see you as well! Feel free to call our office to schedule an appointment (360)733-7670.

With sincere gratitude,

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