

Dear Friends and Patients,

I am pleased to announce that May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 is the last day I will be practicing medicine in Austin. This allows me to try all those farming activities I love in a much less frenzied pace. Every day will become a weekend day.

I want to thank all of my patients for allowing me the privilege of providing medical care. You all took a leap of faith in trusting me with your health care. I will miss that special bond that grows over the years I have been in Austin. Patients become your friends and many of you are very special to me.

Of course, none of this would have even started if Dr. Anna Marie Lozano had not allowed me to associate with her when I came to Austin in 1996. She is an exceptionally kind person and gifted surgeon with whom I have enjoyed working. She is graciously allowing me to retire and will continue to practice taking care of my patients. Last year, we have added a most experienced and considerate associate- Dr. Eldrid Kaplan- who will continue to practice and see my patients as well. Please know that this dynamic duo will do their best to accommodate your health care needs.

If this continuation of care does not suit your needs, you are free to choose another doctor. By law, you will need to provide a release of medical records for transferring care. The office website has the form available for you to use.

Thank you again for allowing me to be part of your life. This has always been the most satisfying aspect of medicine for me and I know I shall miss this. However, after 39 years, I am ready for that final part of my life to unfold. I know each of you will enjoy good care with Austin Gynecology Associates for the future. I wish everyone good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kodack, M.D.