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It is with a mixture of emotions that I announce my retirement effective June 16, 2017. I first came to Asheville Urological Associates when I was nineteen with my first kidney stone. Little did I know then that I would be back thirteen years later and have the privilege of practicing urology for 35 years in that very same building.

To my former and current partners I give thanks for years of friendship, advice, and understanding as we strived to provide the very best care to our patients. To all the men and women who have worked and continue to work in the office, I have warm feelings and admiration for you. For without you, I couldn't even begin to start the day. And especially to my wife and children, I want to say thank you for always supporting me when I could not always be there for you.

But the ultimate thanks goes to you, who have partnered with me in your care for the first time or for several generations. It is that honored trust that has excited me to come to the office each day.

I know it can be distressing to have to change physicians sometimes in the middle of treatment, but I know that my partners and staff will do everything possible to make it a smooth transition. I am pleased to announce that Dr. Brooks Hooper will join Asheville Urological Associates on August 1st allowing for a seamless transition in assuming the care of my patients. However, as has always been the practice of Asheville Urological Associates, my patients will be free to change to another physician within the practice if they so choose. Medical records will be made available to patients who choose to seek their urologic care elsewhere. Dr. Hooper is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, The Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine, and completed his Urology residency at Georgetown University. Dr. Hooper and his family have called Asheville home for the last 5 years. We feel that he is well-trained, shares our philosophy of caring for our patients, and will be a good fit with the remaining physicians.

I wish you all the best in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Bruce G. Armstrong, MD