To Our Patients:

As physicians we all struggle over decisions that affect the welfare and health of our patients. We all understand our special obligations to all our patients. We at Advanced Urology Institute (AUI) have always tried to bring the best urological care to the community. We have worked to create a Center of Excellence, hopefully unlike any other in the United States, to serve our patients.

As you may be aware, we have many urologists in the Villages service area with very large practices, who either have no hospital privileges or have hospital privileges far away from where you, the patients live. When these urologists perform invasive procedures in their office, or at ambulatory surgery centers in the area, and when those patients have complications, they come to The Villages Regional Hospital (TVRH) for treatment. Since the urologist who performed the procedure is not on staff at the hospital, it becomes our responsibility to care for these patients with post-operative complications. We are often obligated to leave our own patients in the office and attend to other physicians’ complications.

We have tried to work with the administration of The Villages Regional Hospital on this issue and other quality issues in the hospital, but to no avail. We had to do a lot of soul searching soul before deciding that we could no longer safely take on the obligation of being on staff at TVRH. We, as a group, realize that remaining on staff at TVRH not fair to our patients because often times we could not safely or physically cover their needs.

**For these reasons, we will be resigning our privileges at TVRH effective November 1, 2016**

We, the urologists of the Advanced Urology Institute (AUI) have been committed to the Villages area since the community was called “Orange Blossom Gardens.” We have collectively been providing urological services to the residents of the community for over 30 years and have been on staff at TVRH since the doors opened. This was not an easy decision for us.

We are proud of our group of urologists and of the center we have built. Our vision has always been to provide a true Center of Excellence. Our group strives to put our patients first. We represent a diverse group of doctors with many different faith and ethnic traditions, representing the best in American medicine. We feel strongly that the moral and ethical course demands us to do what is fair and safe and sustainable for our patients.

Our group will maintain full urological privileges at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, in Leesburg and Munroe Regional and Ocala Regional Medical Centers in Ocala.

Drs. Sanders, Sher, Roach and Gordon will be at Leesburg Regional.

Drs. Cunningham, Dersch, Taub, King, Jo, Rao, and Karavadia will be at Ocala and Munroe Regional.

We will continue to provide the best of urological care to our current and future patients

We will always put our patients first and not leave to others to take care of them in times of need.

We will continue to do everything possible to make our center a center of excellence.

Thanking you for your support,

The Urologists of the Advanced Urology Institute