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Dear Patient:

This letter is to inform you of an important upcoming change within our practice. Dr. Larry Koenig and Dr. Sadie Ahanchi will be leaving Virginia Interventional and Vascular Associates (VIVA) effective **January 31st, 2025**. Dr. Larry Koenig and Dr. Sadie Ahanchi have been integral members of our vascular surgery team, providing dedicated and compassionate care to our patients. While we will miss their presence, we wish them the best in their future endeavors.

We are committed to ensuring your healthcare needs are met and that you experience a smooth transition during this time of change. To assist with this process, we have outlined your options below:

- 1. Continuity of Care:** Your care remains with VIVA and our physicians will continue providing compassionate care for your non-surgical vascular or interventional needs. If you wish to continue your care with VIVA. Please give us a call and we would be happy to schedule an appointment with one of our physicians for your non-surgical vascular or interventional needs.
- 2. Transfer of Care:** We are excited that Dr. Ahanchi has chosen to remain in Fredericksburg, and she will continue to provide vascular surgery services through Oracle Heart and Vascular. If you wish to transition your care to Dr. Ahanchi or another provider outside of our practice, we will work to ensure a seamless transfer of your medical records. If you would like to make an appointment with Dr. Ahanchi after February 1st, 2025, please contact her new practice at (855) 739-9953.
- 3. Medical Records:** All medical records are confidential and protected by federal privacy and security regulations. With your authorization, a copy of your medical record can be released to you or transferred to another physician. To process this request, a Medical Release form is required. The form is included with this letter or can be found on our website, www.Vivassociates.com. You may also contact our office at **(540) 654-9118**, and we will be happy to assist you. Please note that there may be a fee for record duplication.

We are here to support you during this time of change and ensure that your healthcare needs are met. We appreciate your understanding and continued trust in our practice. Assisting with your healthcare needs has been a privilege, and we look forward to continuing to care for you in the future.

If you have any questions about this transition, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at **(540) 654-9118**.

Sincerely,

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VIVA Medical Director