

RETIREMENT

After 37 years of practicing obstetrics and gynecology I have decided to retire from the practice of medicine effective October 31, 2013. My health and mind are in great shape but I will have reached the age of 65 and feel that after being on call for so many years it is time to devote time to my wife, children, grandchildren and myself. It takes many years and effort to become a good surgeon, obstetrician, and friend of patients so the decision to retire was not taken lightly, especially since I consider it a great joy and privilege to take care of so many wonderful people. My children have all moved away, many of my friends have retired and left the community and, sadly, three of my closest friends came to early deaths before having had the chance to retire. After residency at SUH in Syracuse I received a scholarship to practice in Oswego. I came to love this community and its' dear fine people with my whole heart. During the process of having delivered 6500 babies and having performed tens of thousands of surgical procedures, I entered your lives, lived your dreams and fears, cried your tears and looked after your health. I hope to have made a difference. A physician should retire when at "the top of the game" and not when forced out because he doesn't see his own inadequacies. I hope to have done that. I will continue to write these articles on issues germane to women's health and will continue to serve on the New York State Board for Medicine, as Vice Chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and to be a curmudgeon concerning "Obamacare" which I view as a monumental disaster to the patients and to the doctors who serve them. The other providers at my office will continue to look after all of you. Although I will be leaving the community to live in the Adirondacks, Saratoga, and the Virgin Islands, my heart will always be in Oswego.....the snow excluded. What a great place it was to live and to raise a family in. I will be at my office until November 1. If so inclined stop in to share a story and give a hug. The United States health care community and your local hospitals face enormous challenges in the years ahead and I will continue to help guide the way. Thank you all for a wonderful life here and for the honor of taking care of you.