



January 2, 2018

Dear Cherished Patient,

With extraordinary grief, this letter announces that Island Heart & Vascular will close its office permanently on **March 2, 2018**. Between now and then, appointments and testing will be available and will continue as scheduled.

I had always hoped to break the chain of physicians arriving in Hawaii only to depart just a few short years later. However, the financial constraints and restrictions of practicing medicine in Hawaii, and, more particularly, on the Big Island have prevented me from practicing medicine as I believe it should be practiced and therefore, I must now move on.

To ensure that you continue to receive quality care, I suggest that you contact one of the following physicians. If you are currently taking cardiac medication, it is *important* that you establish care as I will no longer refill medications after March 2, 2018. Heart specialists seeing new patients include:

1. Karl Moon, M.D & Kristi Yearout APRN-Rx are available full-time at NHCH: (808) 881-4658.
2. James Lucas, M.D. is also available in Waimea: (808) 885-9170
3. John Cogan M.D. visits Kona routinely: (808) 536-7327

Although you were given copies of your detailed progress notes at each visit which you can bring to your new provider, I am happy to forward a copy of your records to a new provider of your choice. Please complete an **authorization for the release of records form**, a copy of which you can find on our website at [www.islandheartandvascular.com](http://www.islandheartandvascular.com), and return it to my office. My staff will fax a courtesy copy to your new physician. Additionally, I faxed copies of the detailed progress notes after each visit to your primary care physician, therefore he/she should also have copies.

A personal copy of your records can be obtained from our office for a fee, which will be posted at [www.islandheartandvascular.com](http://www.islandheartandvascular.com). I anticipate that record requests from you or your new physician before March 2, 2018 will be handled quickly, as Melody will be available full-time. After the practice closes, please fax your records request to (855) 474-9079.

I am honored to have had your confidence and support, and will dearly miss every patient.

With Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Derbes".

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