



December 15, 2020

Dear Patient,

Let me begin by wishing you and your family good health and safety during these historic times this holiday season. COVID-19 has presented challenges that many of us would never have expected to see in our lifetimes. My heart goes out to you.

It is with bittersweet emotions that I am writing this letter to announce my retirement from medicine on December 31st, 2020. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community for the past 30 years. I am so grateful that you trusted me to provide your healthcare. In my experience, there are few acts more meaningful than caring for another. Your trust in me has given my life and career so much meaning and fulfillment. I am truly appreciative for having been part of your life. I am going to miss seeing my patients every day.

Over the years, I had the privilege of working with many exceptional providers, and Chris Cox PA-C is among the very best. He has impressed me in the operating suite with his mastery of venous surgical techniques, as well as, his in-depth medical knowledge. Chris has a gift for empathizing with his patients, and his bedside manner is impeccable. I remember how proud I was when I first learned that Chris had used his vacation to volunteer in Honduras with The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Hackett Hemwall Patterson Foundation to provide free vein surgery to the people of Honduras in 2014. It has been a privilege to work with such a caring and talented provider, and I have complete confidence that he is the ideal person to lead Richmond Vein Center into its next chapter.

As part of this transition, Richmond Vein Center will be acquired by Vascular Surgery Associates. I have known Dr. Jeff Brown and his colleagues for many years, and I am excited for Richmond Vein Center's future role in providing the venous component of a comprehensive vascular treatment program. Vascular Surgery Associates has an outstanding reputation for providing excellent patient care. They are committed to keep Richmond Vein Center as it has been, with the same name, staff, and patient-centered vein treatment philosophy that has defined our practice. We have searched far and wide over several years to find an exceptional care team to support Chris's dream of continuing to provide our patients with the best possible care for many years to come. I am confident that Vascular Surgery Associates is that team.

As for me, I will soon leave Richmond Vein Center with many happy memories of all the patients I had the privilege of helping and being a small part of their lives.

Gratefully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles F. Gould II, M.D." in a cursive script.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Vascular Surgery Associates (VSA) is very pleased to announce that Richmond Vein Center is joining our practice. VSA is a 50-year-old independent, local group providing the full spectrum of inpatient and outpatient vascular care in multiple sites and settings throughout Central Virginia.

Richmond Vein Center was founded in 2005 by Dr. Charles Gould and has become a leading provider of focused comprehensive outpatient vein care. We envision VSA providing the perfect platform to support and continue the excellent patient care and customer satisfaction that distinguishes Dr Gould, his staff, and Richmond Vein Center. We anticipate little change from the patient or referring physician standpoint, with Richmond Vein Center's name, location, staff, and physician assistant remaining the same. Our intention is to provide seamless uninterrupted patient access and to continue to provide the same high quality, convenient, and comfortable care Richmond Vein Center patients have come to expect.

As part of the VSA practice, Richmond Vein Center will join our outpatient endovascular surgery center, prosthetic center, the city's oldest and largest accredited vascular lab, and multiple office sites stretching from Tappahannock to Midlothian.

We look forward to a smooth transition and to the opportunity to honor Dr. Gould's legacy in outpatient vein care.

Sincerely,

Jeff A. Brown, MD FACS
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Dear Patient,

This letter serves as notice to you, the referenced Patient, that Richmond Vein Center, P.C., a Virginia professional corporation ("RVC") is closing its practice effective December 31, 2020. As a Patient you have certain rights to your RVC maintained medical records ("Records").

We intend to transfer the Patient's Records in conjunction with the sale or closure of our medical practice. Pursuant to the provisions §54.1-2405 of the Code of Virginia, we are required to provide this notice to you that we intend to transfer the Patient's Records to Vascular Surgery Associates of Richmond, P.C., a Virginia professional corporation ("VSA"), regarding the pending transfer, by mail, at the Patient's last known address, and by publishing prior notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the provider's practice area, as specified in §8.01-324 of the Code of Virginia.

At the written request of the Patient or an authorized representative, the Records or copies will be sent, within a reasonable time, to any other like-regulated provider of the Patient's choice, or provided to the Patient pursuant to § 32.1-127.1:03 of the Code of Virginia. The notice also discloses that charges will be billed by RVC for supplying the Patient, or the provider chosen by the Patient, with the originals or copies of the Patient's Records. Such charges shall not exceed the actual costs of copying and mailing or delivering the Records.

Please sign a copy of this letter, note your directions below and return it to our office. If we do not receive instructions from you to the contrary prior to the close of business on December 31, 2020, we will transfer your Records to VSA.

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Patient signature:

Printed Name:

Patient Instructions (check one):

Please transfer my RVC medical records to VSA

Please transfer my RVC medical records to the following provider (name, address and telephone number):

Please transfer my Records to me at the following address:

