

NOTICE: DOMINIC HEFFEL, MD, FACS IS CLOSING HIS CLINICAL PRACTICE IN AMARILLO, TEXAS.

Dear Patients:

It has been an honor to serve as your surgeon.

I will be closing my current practice [DG Aethetix] at the end of February 2024 to assume a new position in another state. This departure has been planned for some time and I have adjusted the practice volume with the expectation of eventually leaving the greater Amarillo area at the end of February 2024.

You have the right to pick the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon of your choice for additional follow-ups, if they are needed. You are not obligated to see any one surgeon. Similarly, the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon has the choice to accept you as a patient. No surgeon is obligated to accept you as a patient.

I work with Dr. Kordestani as a business partner; our practices are separate corporate entities. Dr. Kordestani has a different sphere of practice than mine. For example, he is very comfortable with hand surgery and I rarely perform any hand surgery. He may elect to opt out of managing your care if it is not within his sphere of expertise. This is a fair and wise course of action.

Your medical records will be digitally preserved at my practice and also at the local hospitals and surgery centers. For those of you who underwent surgery at either the hospital or the surgery center, you should collect your operative reports and store them digitally. For example, scan or photograph your reports and email them to yourself and keep those records for your lifetime. This maneuver could save a great deal of time and effort in the future, especially if you also move out of state.

For those of you who underwent placement of any type of implant, you should obtain the record of the implant from the hospital or surgery center and preserve these records for your lifetime. The record of the implant should include the Reference/Catalogue Number, Lot Number, and Serial Number. Occasionally, implants are recalled.

As I wrap up my practice here in Amarillo, I have attempted to refer patients to physicians who may manage follow-ups, if needed. If you feel you need a suggestion for a follow-up physician, I can be reached thru The Associates main phone number [806-322-5438].

Thank you for allowing me to be your physician and surgeon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. F. Heffel". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Dominic F. Heffel, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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