

Dear Friends, Patients, and Colleagues,

After 30 deeply fulfilling years as an orthopaedic surgeon, the time has come for me to step away from the operating room and into a new season of life. It's hard to put into words the honor it has been to serve this community—to walk alongside you through injury and healing, to restore knees and shoulders, and to witness the resilience of both young and seasoned athletes. Thank you for trusting me with your care. It has truly been one of the greatest privileges of my life. My last day in practice will be December 31st, 2025.

I'm especially grateful to the incredible teams at Orthopaedic Associates of Muskegon (OAM), Muskegon Surgery Center, and Trinity Mercy Hospital. Their professionalism, compassion, and dedication have made every day of practice a joy. I've been surrounded by excellence, and I leave knowing my patients will continue to receive outstanding care.

One of the greatest honors of my career has been serving as team physician for Mona Shores High School. Supporting these student-athletes—watching them grow, compete, and overcome challenges—has been a joy and a privilege. Go Sailors!

To those who allowed me to pray with you before surgery—thank you. God loves that, and so do I. Those moments of faith and connection have meant more to me than I can express.

Muskegon has been so good to us. What a beautiful place to raise a family, build a career, and grow in community. Now, with some “gas still in the tank,” I'm looking forward to spending more time with my grandkids and family, and finding new ways to serve this community that has given us so much.

I'm confident that my patients will be in excellent hands. Our talented partners at OAM will continue your care. We have a comprehensive team of surgeons specializing in shoulder and knees including Dr's. Alwood, Bakker, Baszler, Potts, Ringler, Shields, Turner and our newest addition Dr. Justin Jabara. All are standing by with heart and skill. My longtime PA, Josh Thurman, will continue working alongside Dr. Jabara to ensure a smooth and thoughtful transition for each of you. For information on each of our physicians, please visit www.oamkg.com/medical-team.

Thank you for the memories, the trust, and the opportunity to be part of your stories. I'll carry them with me always.

To schedule an appointment with me before my retirement, please call the office at 231.733.1326.

With deep gratitude,



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