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## Open letter to patients

Dear patient,

It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter. On the one hand, I am excited to have been offered a permanent/substantive Consultant in Otorhinolaryngology post at Frimley Park Hospital (in Surrey, UK) starting 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2020.

On the other hand, I am saddened, as it means that I will no longer be available to consult private patients here in Sandton, many of whom we have come to know more as family than patients. I will be available for occasional theatre lists, the next being in the first week of July 2020.

My opportunity in the UK has also created an opportunity for Dr. Boipelo Tselapedi-Sekeitto to take over the practice. She is a lovely lady who has been well trained locally. She is a WITS graduate in ENT Surgery. I got to know her when she was still a trainee ENT Surgeon on several of the sinus courses that I was faculty on over the past few years. As a result, I developed a respect for her as a skilled surgeon. She is also well presented, caring in nature and very knowledgeable. After qualifying as a specialist, she quickly rose in the ranks in the state service, and she is the current Head of the ENT Department at Thelle Mogoerane Regional Hospital. Dr Tselapedi-Sekeitto is registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) for work in independent private practice and she keeps her knowledge current by attending the annual ENT congresses as well as numerous advanced training courses within the speciality. She is a member of the South African Medical Association (SAMA) and a full member of the South African ENT Society. She is married to a prominent orthopaedic surgeon.

I know she will not only do a great job of looking after my patients but will also be a success in the practice and expand the practice by gaining many more patients with her combination of charm, kindness, knowledge and skills.

All my old notes are available to her to facilitate ongoing care. She will also take over the telephone numbers and emails to make appointments as easy as ever. Collectmed will continue to do the billing effectively. If there are cases where our joint skills are needed, she will coordinate the theatre lists.

I look forward to seeing how she takes the practice forward to the benefit of our patients. I invite you to make use of her services with peace of mind.

Kind regards

Dr. Carl van Wyk