



Dear Kids Clinic Families,

For nearly 20 years, I have had the extraordinary privilege of being trusted with the care of your most treasured gift—your children. Because of the relationships I have formed with so many of you and your families, I find myself writing the most difficult letter of my career.

After much thought and reflection, I have decided to leave The Kids Clinic. My last day seeing patients will be **December 24th**. After more than two decades of caring for children and families in our community, I will be stepping away from pediatric primary care and pursuing other opportunities. I will not be practicing primary care elsewhere in the Spokane community, although I will remain Medical Director at Joya Child & Family Development.

For those who have followed and supported me through my own health journey, I want to reassure you that **I have had no recurrence of cancer and am in good health**. I am profoundly grateful for that. Part of this decision is recognizing the importance of maintaining my health and finding a different balance in this next chapter of my life.

Please know how deeply I value the relationships we have built and the trust you have placed in me. Watching your children grow, celebrating their milestones, and walking alongside your families through both joyful and difficult times has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Thank you, truly, for allowing me to be a small part of your family's story and for the extraordinary privilege of joining you on your journey as parents.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Matt Thompson, MD

What This Means for Your Family

Dr. Thompson's patients will continue to be cared for by Dr. Lee and Whitney Bowen, FNP-BC. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. Because so many patients are affected, appointment availability may be more limited than you're used to, particularly in the near term. This may affect both well-visit scheduling and, especially, appointments as we head into peak cold and flu season. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we work through this adjustment. We are actively working to expand our clinical team and anticipate welcoming a new provider in 2027.

Next Steps

2027 Appointments: If your child has an appointment scheduled with Dr. Thompson, we will be sending messages to reschedule with another provider.

Controlled-substance Medications: If Dr. Thompson prescribes your child's controlled medication, including certain ADHD medications, please contact us to ensure required medication follow-up visits are current to avoid refill delays.

Notes for Dr. Thompson: Personal notes may be mailed to The Kids Clinic, Attn: Dr. Thompson, 319 W 8th Ave, Spokane, WA 99204, or emailed to dr.thompson@kidsclinicmail.com.

Thank you for the trust you've placed in our practice over the years, and we look forward to continuing to care for your family.

Warmly,

The Kids Clinic