

The Advanced Fertility Center



To my wonderful patients,

It is with great sadness that I must announce my retirement this month from the Advanced Fertility Center, the practice I founded more than 35 years ago. My last day to see patients will be October 12, 2020, and our office will permanently close on October 31.

Together, we have faced some of the most challenging circumstances a person can experience. This is another one of those times. In the wake of a recent stage IV gastric cancer diagnosis, I have chosen to close my practice, focus on my treatment and recovery, and spend time with my wife, children and grandchildren. While I regret the circumstances surrounding my retirement, and the short notice I must give my patients as to my departure, I want you to know that caring for you, and helping you create your families, has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. When I started this journey all those years ago, I never could have imagined the thousands of children I would help bring into this world, and the incredibly courageous people and parents I would meet along the way. I have learned so much about bravery, trust, and faith from all of you, which helps me navigate this difficult time in my life now. Thank you for giving me that gift.

In addition to the emotional component that goes along with closing the practice, there are also many technical aspects to address. I understand that many of you will need to choose a new fertility care provider. While your choice of provider is always your decision, we at the Advanced Fertility Center are referring all patients to Texas Fertility Center, one of Texas' leading fertility practices with offices in San Antonio (fertilitysanantonio.com), New Braunfels, Austin, Round Rock and Corpus Christi. For more than 14 years, my wonderful team and I have enjoyed a close relationship with the great physicians and staff of TFC, and we share the services of the same Ovation® Fertility San Antonio IVF lab. I know that TFC will take excellent care of you, should you choose to continue your treatment plan under their care.

I'm fortunate to inform you as well that [Dr. Orlando Suris](#) has kindly agreed to provide emergency coverage for the next 30 days.

Please be assured that my staff and I will do everything we can to make this transition as smooth and stress free as possible.

- If you wish for us to release your medical records to a new provider, please download and complete the medical records release form in the patient portal section

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of our website. By law, we cannot share your medical information without your written consent. If your partner is also a patient or has had any lab testing through Advanced Fertility Center, please complete a separate form for each of you.

- For billing questions, please contact the Women's Health Texas billing department at <https://sanantoniobgyn.womenshealthtx.com/patient-portal/>.
- For all other questions, please contact (210) 616-0680, mcastilleja@ifwh.org.

I hope you will stay in touch by sending your messages and baby pictures through the [Advanced Fertility Center Facebook page](#), where you'll find updates and information throughout this transition period.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Garza, MD