

From: [REDACTED]
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Dear Dr Anne Tokin OA,
I am now 80 years. I have been in general practice for some 42 years. I became a solo GP when my partners died. I resisted joining medical centers. I wanted to provide continuity of care. I found this difficult in the centers I tried.

Many of my patients now cannot find a suitable replacement GP mainly due to ethnic barriers in the [REDACTED] area .

Doctors have their own medical association meetings for example the Vietnamese medical association and the Assyrian medical association ,no AMA meetings. They are not taking any patients.

I am fully computerized using Medical Director. I have now joined an accredited GP medical center. I continue practice supporting those patients who wish to continue to see me and hopefully prepare my patients for my retirement and so find a GP in the foreseeable future.

I once attended a few Nursing Homes and now attend only one. I caught Covid in one of the NHs and developed [REDACTED]

I have frequent contact with the GP in the center and NH. I maintain my Medical education requirements. I have had to keep up with the massive changes in general practice without a lot of support. I have my own GP and feel it should be he who decides on my capability to continue in the short term before actual retirement.

I was the Director of the [REDACTED] General Practice when it formed and an honorary member of the College.

Yours Sincerely,
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