



# THE QUEEN'S HEALTH CARE CENTERS

June 1, 2010

Dear Patient,

This letter is to inform you that Dr. Joseph Grote will be retiring from the practice of medicine on Friday, October 15, 2010. Dr. Grote has been a "student of medicine" for forty-two years. Four years ago, Dr. Grote left Straub Hospital and Clinics to work at The Queen's Health Care Centers. We at Queen's have had the good fortune of working with him and true to our founders, King Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma, Dr. Grote has provided the highest level of quality health care and modeled best patient care practices.

In planning for his retirement, Dr. Grote has already begun transitioning his patients to his Physician colleagues at The Queen's Health Care Centers – Hawaii Kai (see back). Please call 396-6675 to ensure you have the opportunity to see Dr. Grote for any of your health care needs prior to his retirement. Lisa Cabaong-Liborio, Dr. Grote's Medical Assistant will continue to work with you on all patient care issues. Upon Dr. Grote's retirement, Lisa will work full time with Dr. Lee and Dr. Okinaka-Hu. Lisa's knowledge about your health care needs/issues will also provide continuity for our Physician team to care for you.

For many of you, Dr. Grote has been your personal Physician for many years. Jayber Crow, a novel written by Wendell Barry and read by Dr. Grote summarizes the feelings and emotions he has as he embarks on his retirement:

*"What I had come to know (by feeling only) was that the place's true being, its presence you might say, was a sort of current, like an underground flow of water, except that the flowing was in all directions and yet did not flow away. When it rose into your heart and throat, you felt joy and sorrow at the same time, and the joining of times and lives. To come into the presence of the place was to know life and death, and to be near in all your thoughts to laughter and to tears. This would come over you and then pass away, as fragile as a moment of light."*

We wish Dr. Grote a fond aloha and all the best life has to offer as he embarks on a well deserved and earned retirement! Like you, we have had the privilege to know and work with him as a Physician, colleague and inspirational friend.

*"The thought of what was here once and is gone forever will not leave me as long as I live. It is as though I walk knee deep in its absence."*

Wendell Barry

*Mahalo no ka pili'alo'ha i keia huakai ike ala ola.*

*Thank you for joining me in friendship as we travel along this path of life.*

Dr. Joseph A. Grote

Sincerely,

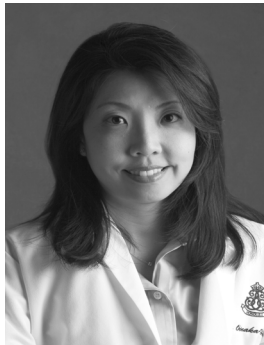
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