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Dear Parents,

This summer, I will leave Stanford and move to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA) and the University of Southern California (USC) Department of Biomedical Engineering in Los Angeles. Beginning in August, 2009, I will close my clinic at Stanford and open a new Movement Disorders clinic at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA). While I look forward to providing comprehensive neurological care to the children of Los Angeles, I will truly miss the great group of patients and their families with whom I have worked here at Stanford.

If your child has an existing appointment in my LPCH clinic scheduled after June 19, 2009, the clinic staff will cancel it. Please accept my apology for the inconvenience this may cause.

In order for your child to continue receiving neurological care, please review the following options:

Option #1

Have your child continue in my care at CHLA. If this is an option you choose, your child's pediatrician must fax a new patient referral to CHLA. Although your child and I have an existing relationship, he/she is considered a new patient to CHLA. To facilitate the referral process, please follow these instructions:

1. Fill out the LPCH Release of Information form and fax it to LPCH Medical Records at (650) 497-8812. This form ensures that your child's records are transferred to CHLA.
2. Have your child's pediatrician fax the enclosed Request for Consultation form to CHLA at (323) 361-1109.
3. You or your pediatrician will need to obtain financial authorization for treatment; information on this is on the enclosed sheet from CHLA. If you have questions about authorization, please call Maria Lemus at (323) 361-3421.
4. After the Request for Consultation has been faxed and authorization has been obtained, call CHLA at (323) 361-2471 to schedule an appointment with me. Be sure to tell the clinic staff that you are requesting an appointment in "Dr. Sanger's Movement Disorders clinic."

5. If you are scheduling your child for the Botox clinic, make sure to tell the clinic staff that you want your child scheduled on a “Botox day” and specify whether this is for an injection or a one month recheck.

Please note that my clinics at CHLA are scheduled for Wednesdays. The Botox clinic is scheduled for the 3rd or 4th Wednesday of each month.

Option #2

Have your child’s care transferred to another LPCH neurologist. Please note that LPCH no longer has a movement disorders specialist. If this is the option you choose, please follow these instructions:

1. Call (650) 724-4270 and request a transfer of care.
2. *For Botox patients:* the LPCH department of orthopedic surgery offers this treatment. Call (650) 497-8201 Option 4 to make an appointment for an orthopedic evaluation for continued Botox treatment. Please note that the LPCH Department of Neurology will no longer offer Botox to their neurology patients.

Option #3

Have your child’s care transferred to an outside child neurologist. There are several child neurologists working at other large pediatric hospitals as well as in private practice through the Bay Area and northern California. These institutions include UCSF, Oakland Children’s Hospital, UC Davis Children’s Hospital, and Children’s Hospital of Central California. Many neurologists offer Botox injections, including Mark Koukkari in San Jose (408) 271-5271, Elaine Pico in Oakland at (510) 601-7426 and Steve Ehrreich at Children’s Hospital in Madera at (559) 353-6215.

Option #4

Have your child’s care transferred to an adult movement disorders specialist. Please note: *for patients 19 years or older, this is your only option.* There are numerous providers for adult movement disorders care in the Bay Area, including Stanford University Hospital (SUH) and UCSF. To refer your child to Stanford University Hospital movement disorders practice, please follow these directions:

1. Have your child’s physician fax a new patient consultation request to (650) 723-6002. Make sure the request includes your child’s LPCH medical records (as records do NOT automatically transfer over from LPCH to SUH) as well as a copy of your child’s insurance card.
2. For further questions, contact the SUH new patient coordinator at (650) 725-5792.

To refer your child to the UCSF adult movement disorders practice, please follow these directions:

1. Have your child’s physician fax a new patient consultation request to (415) 353-2898. Make sure the request includes your child’s LPCH medical records as well as a copy of your child’s insurance card.
2. For further questions, call the UCSF department of adult neurology at (415) 353- 2273.


I suggest discussing these options with your pediatrician to find the most appropriate option for the continued care of your child.

I truly hope your child can continue in my care at CHLA. But for those families for whom travel to CHLA is not possible, I will miss working with you, and I send my warmest regards for good health and continued accomplishments.

You and your doctors can always reach me at CHLA (323) 361-2471 or by email to terry@sangerlab.net.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work with you and your child,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Sanger", followed by a horizontal line.

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PS: Unfortunately, Sara is unable to move to LA with me. As such, she will neither be associated with my practice at CHLA nor will she continue working with the Child Neurology Department at LPCH. She will be deeply missed by all of us.