



# Lakeland Medical Associates

**FAMILY PRACTICE**  
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Dear Patients/Friends,

After much prayer and consideration, I have decided to leave my practice at Lakeland Medical Associates. I have been practicing at Lakeland for over forty amazing years, working with other dedicated physicians, and have been blessed and privileged with the care of all my patients through their joys and sufferings. Many of you have been like family to me. I have always looked forward to trying to help patients through their journey in life by providing education, guidance, and assistance with treating and healing their illnesses. I have learned so much from all of you throughout the years, and for this I am extremely grateful and blessed.

As of September 30, 2025, I will no longer be seeing patients at Lakeland Medical Associates and will begin a new chapter of my life, seeing patients, and training Family Medicine residents at the East Texas Community Clinic in Athens, Gun Barrel, and Canton. There I hope to pass on what I have learned in the past 40 years of practice to a younger generation of physicians and continue my skills.

Other physicians at Lakeland Medical Associates are still taking patients, but if you choose to see a medical home outside of Lakeland Medical Associates, you will need to have your medical records transferred for continuity of care. God bless you all.

Sincerely

Ron Heine, M.D.