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Message to My Patients
About Arbitration

Attached is an Arbitration Agreement of which I urge you to sign. We will agree that any dispute arising out of the medical/dental services you receive are to be resolved by binding arbitration agreement rather than court suit.

Binding arbitration has benefits for both doctors and patients. Both former United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger and Chief Justice Malcolm Lucas of the California Supreme Court favor arbitration as an alternative method of dispute resolution.

The California Supreme Court has noted that arbitration is speedier and less expensive than are jury trials for resolving disputes between doctors and patients. Both parties are spared some of the rigors of trial and the publicity of which may accompany judicial proceedings.

In addition, because virtually no appeals are allowed from an award in arbitration, the prevailing party can expect either fast payment, or fast dismissal of the case, without lengthy appeal.

I hope you will sign the agreement after first reading it carefully.