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After decades of patient service the Center for Specialty Care has closed. As a longtime member of the staff I am deeply saddened by this occurrence however I completely understand the burden placed upon the Smith family in running such a busy center after the death of the founder, James Smith, MD, several years ago. Dr. Smith had a rare vision of how medicine should be practiced and had the strength to see his vision become reality.

The center is a very special place. The facility is from a bygone era of grace and splendor, from the grand entry staircase to the ornately carved ceilings. I do not believe this could be reproduced.

As many of you know I performed surgery at the center and used the available office space to see patients on Fridays. Until further notice I am suspending my Friday hours. When I find a suitable space, I will resume seeing patients in Manhattan. Until that time, I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you would like to see me in my Staten Island office but find the location inconvenient, please call my office and alternative transportation arrangements can be made.