

Dear families and patients of Dr. Leveridge,

I hope this letter finds you and your children well! My name is Jason Onarecker, and I would like to share some thoughts and introduce myself. As Dr. Leveridge steps into his retirement, starting June 1st he will be entrusting the continued care of his patients to me as your new pediatrician, which I am beyond excited about! I can only imagine some of the feelings that come with this announcement. It is certainly not easy to think about rebuilding the trust relationship that grows out of years of compassionate care from a good doctor, especially one who has helped you navigate the whitewater rapids of raising healthy children (and some grandchildren!). As I've gotten to know him over these recent months it has become abundantly clear that he has LOVED being a pediatrician and cares deeply about his patients. While I do believe he will thoroughly enjoy his retirement, I know the decision to say goodbye was not easy. Dr. Leveridge is leaving behind a wonderful legacy with some awfully large shoes to fill.

So a little bit about myself. I have lived nearly my whole life in Oklahoma. I went to a local high school here in Edmond (OCS) then got a degree in biomedical engineering from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK and worked as an engineer for several years. I met my wife, Lindsay, there in Tulsa and we got married right before I started medical school in 2013. Fun fact: I was trained in residency at OU Children's Hospital by the good Dr. Hester and Dr. Busey of NW Peds. Fast forward to 2024 and I now have a family of five and have been in pediatric practice for the last four years only a few short miles away from my childhood home. My wife and I have discovered we only produce girl babies, so now we have 7, 5, and 2 year old girls and my house is full of all of the pink and glittery things you can imagine. My life is also full of mountain biking, Thunder basketball, church, and far more nerdy hobbies than I could ever have time for.

I am committed to making your transition to a new doctor as smooth and seamless as possible. It will take some time to get to know your kids as well as Dr. Leveridge, but it's encouraging to know you have been in such good hands thus far. Please don't hesitate to call the NW Peds office with any questions, and beginning in June I am happy to meet with any families that would like to sit down and chat face-to-face.

Warmest regards,

Jason Onarecker, MD

