



## **Important news about your patient rights**

### **A special message from Dr. Geiss to our valued patients and members of the community who choose Methodist Medical Center**

#### **Five critical points to remember**

- 1) As a US citizen you have the right to a physician or surgeon of your choice, regardless of whom another doctor may suggest or recommend.
- 2) This is an especially important right presently since Methodist has hired its own heart surgeon relocating from Rockford and its employed cardiologists have been directed to send patients to him.
- 3) My associates and I are now the only heart surgeons in the community capable of offering an opinion independent of the healthcare facility.
- 4) I have practiced at Methodist for over 30 years and intend to continue this proud legacy of care. I have no intention of retiring anytime soon.
- 5) It is entirely correct for you to ask (or insist, request or demand) for me by name. It is YOUR life and the choice is YOURS.

For a link to the complete letter, [click here](#).