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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

After much thought and reflection, I have made the difficult decision to close my practice as of April 1st, 2025. This decision was not made lightly but is due to personal circumstances requiring me to focus on balancing the demands of running a medical practice and supporting my family during a time of heightened need.

To those of you who recently joined my practice, I understand this news may feel sudden and disappointing, especially if you had just found a new family doctor. Please know that when you joined, I fully intended to provide long-term care. However, unforeseen changes in my family's circumstances have required me to make this decision sooner than anticipated. I deeply value the trust you placed in me and sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Continuity of Care

I feel truly fortunate that in a time of scarcity of new doctors I have found two doctors to take on all of my patients that wish to be followed under their care, **after April 1st**. Please fill out the enrollment form on the website below. They are at the following locations;

Dr. Iyabode Adesiji

124 Barker St, London, ON Phone:226-663-2548 217 Wharncliffe Rd South, London, ON Phone: 226-663-2548

https://medicalsolutionclinic.com/patients-migrate/

Dr. Tochukwu Godbless Ugwowo

217 Wharncliffe Rd South, London, ON Phone:226-663-2735 25 Baseline Rd, London, ON Phone: 226-663-2735

https://medicalsolutionclinic.com/patients-migrate/

If you do not wish to continue your care at these clinics, you are welcome to search for a provider of your choice. Here are some suggestions to assist you with your search:

- 1. Ask family and friends if they can try and get you in with their doctor.
- 2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
- 3. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner
- Contact <u>RSRS</u> (see below). They have various resources that can assist you while you are searching for a new doctor.

NOTE: Whether you attend at one of the above clinics or find a doctor on your own, you are advised to obtain a copy of your medical record from RSRS (see below). You'll want this for yourself and for a new doctor as this information will not otherwise be available.

In the meantime, if you have a medical emergency in the absence of a doctor, please proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice, and to assist you in obtaining a certified and searchable copy for yourself and/or your new primary care provider. Your medical record does not automatically follow you when you leave a medical practice, unless you arrange for it.

Please arrange to obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history. It is a very important file for your continued care and should always be accessible, *especially in the absence of a new care provider.* I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why getting your record is so valuable both for you and for your new provider.

Please contact RSRS at your first opportunity for help with <u>ongoing care</u> and your<u>medical record</u>. (They may also contact you to ensure proper notification of these details)

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrAAgunwa Tel: 1-888-563-3732

> Fax: 1-877-398-5932 Email: <u>info@rsrs.com</u>



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(Please note: Arranging for your record can take place immediately by contacting RSRS. The actual delivery of your requested medical record will take place only after my practice closes, unless you have an urgent requirement for it sooner. There is a fee for the copy/transfer of your medical record in accordance with guidelines.)

It has been an honor to care for you and your families. I deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me and your understanding as I take this next step to prioritize my family's needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or for guidance during this transition. Please visit our website for more details agunwamd.com

Thank you for your kindness and support over the years. I wish you all the best in health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Dr. A. Agunwa

*RSRS is a physician-managed medical records storage facility. They are fully compliant with the guidelines set by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the relevant privacy regulations.