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NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much consideration that I have decided it is time to close my family practice. I realize that this comes at a challenging time for all of us, given the current COVID-19 scenario, but I feel it is time. It has been my privilege to assist you with your healthcare needs. **My last day for seeing patients will be June 26, 2020.** Note that after June 30, all incoming consults and labs will no longer be reviewed by me. Please arrange for a new physician to obtain these results.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I've selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice following my closure. RSRS has also been instructed to assist all of my patients immediately.

*****I encourage all my patients to arrange to obtain a personal copy of their medical records immediately, even before the closure of my practice***.** This is more important now given the current COVID-19 crisis. Should you find yourself at Emergency Department for care, you will be able to provide a snapshot of your health picture by providing your medical record information. You will also have this copy available for a new doctor, once you've found one. Please do not delay in making arrangements. Contact RSRS at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrComeau

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: There is a fee for the s transfer of your medical record, but it is not prohibitive.)

Finding a New Doctor

To date, I have not been able to locate a physician to take on all my patients. I suggest the following resources to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Contact Alberta Health Services at <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/>
3. Call Health Link at 811
4. There are also walk-in clinics in most areas of the city where you can go without an appointment.

(In the event of a medical emergency, patients should go to the nearest Emergency Department.)

Making the decision to leave my practice has not been easy and leaving practice with so many wonderful patients will be the most difficult part. I have valued the trusted relationships we have developed. I wish you and your family much health and happiness for the future.

Yours truly,

P. Comeau, M.D.

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