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Notice of Practice Closure

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Dear Patients:

After over 40 years in practice I have decided that it is time for me to retire. It has been both a privilege & pleasure to have been your family physician. I thank you for the confidence that you have shown in me over the years. **The last day of practice will be December 31, and the last day I will be seeing patients is December 23rd, 2019.**

I will be requesting that any test results not available until after December 23, 2019 to be sent directly to you so that you can bring them to your new family doctor for follow-up. **Please book an appointment** so that I can do a proper assessment of your medication needs and provide you with as large a supply as I feel is medically appropriate.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, after over more than a year of trying I have been unable to find a physician to take over my wonderful practice. As you may know, there exists a shortage of family doctors in Ontario. I do not have names of any physicians who are currently accepting patients. Both Drs. Hirsh & Manzig's practices are full. I suggest the following to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Contact "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822.
3. Contact RSRS (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients.

In the event of a medical emergency, patients are instructed to go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to keep all original patient records for a period of time before they can be shredded. I've contracted with RSRS, a physician-managed company to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice. They've also been asked to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself and/or your new doctor.**

There is a fee for copying & transferring medical records as this is not an OHIP covered benefit. I encourage all of my patients to arrange for the retrieval of your medical record. It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, even (and especially) in the absence of a new doctor. I've included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today. Please proceed on the web to:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrFinestone

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

I will certainly miss my patients & friends because I truly enjoyed practicing medicine. I wish you all the best for the future and a healthy life.

Sincerely,

David L. Finestone MDCM, CCFP, FCFP

*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.