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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that I will be closing my family practice. Dr. Tennent will be seeing patients until **September 28, 2018**. I will be available to refill prescriptions by phone/fax until October 26, 2018. I am leaving to pursue new career opportunities and, while I am excited to begin the next phase of my professional life, I will sincerely miss being your physician.

Finding a New Doctor

I have not been able to find anyone to take over my practice, therefore, it is important for you to begin seeking another healthcare professional to take over your care. Please visit the NLMA Newfoundland & Labrador Medical Association - they provide a list of doctors accepting new patients. Their website is <http://www.nlma.nl.ca> or by calling (800) 563-2003. Also, consider using your personal network to find a physician. A family member or friend may be able to ask if his/her doctor is taking new patients.

Your Medical Record

Your original medical record must be safely stored for a period of time before it can be shredded. I have arranged with RSRS, a physician-managed facility to safely store all records from my practice and assist you in obtaining a certified copy. Your medical record is very important for the future of your healthcare. I strongly urge you to obtain a copy as soon as possible, regardless if you find a doctor immediately, and whether you or your new doctor takes a copy. It is important that you can access this information whenever it's needed.

Please go online to
www.recordsolutions.ca/DrFitzgerald
or contact RSRS at
1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

There is a fee for the transfer of medical records

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. You have all taught me more than you will ever know. I have truly appreciated the opportunity to help manage your healthcare needs over the past 18 years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege.

I wish you and your family the best of health in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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