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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

Regretfully, I am temporarily closing my practice. My last day for seeing patients was September 29, 2021.

Finding a New Doctor

I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but it is important you seek continuity of care with the following suggestions to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Go to <https://www.palliserpcn/health-professionals/doctors> to find local doctors accepting patients.
3. Go to <https://albertafindadoctor.ca> for physicians outside of the local area but within Alberta.
4. Contact "Health Link Alberta" at 1-800-408-5465.
5. Contact **RSRS** (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients.

If you have an urgent medical matter in the absence of a doctor, please proceed to the nearest emergency room. If you are following up on investigations of a less urgent nature, please go to a walk-in clinic and have them check your results on "Netcare".

Your Medical Record

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta requires that I store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company to store all patient records of my practice safely and securely and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself.**

As a last piece of medical advice, I strongly encourage each of you to arrange for the retrieval of your own medical record. It is an important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, even (and especially) in the absence of a new doctor. (I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why). While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrGebhardt

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

I have enjoyed working with you to assist you with your health care needs. I wish you well and good health into the future.

Warmest Regards,

Ian Gebhardt, M. D.

*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 Alberta and the relevant privacy regulations.