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### Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

Unfortunately, after making a significant effort to try to alter my practice in these difficult times, and due to many recent local changes, I'm not able to sustainably continue to provide vascular care to the region. This has been a very difficult decision but I have to **close my vascular surgery practice**. My last day for seeing patients will be **December 31, 2021**.

I have been fortunate that **Dr. Omar Selim**, who is part of **Barrie Vascular Associates and Barrie Vascular Imaging**, has offered to take over my practice and your follow-up visits may continue in the same office as scheduled. **Your ultrasound appointments will continue to be scheduled at Barrie Vascular Imaging, located at 60 Bell Farm Road**. Dr. Selim is a vascular surgeon who has trained at the University of Toronto and Sunnybrook hospital. He provides the full spectrum of vascular surgical services and, having worked with him, I am certain he will provide you with exceptional care.

If you require or wish to see a new Vascular Surgeon for any reason, you will need to ask your family doctor or another healthcare provider for a referral.

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

### **Your Medical Record**

**Dr Selim and your primary care provider/family doctor will have copies of your prior medical documentation and future ultrasound reports** to review with you with suggested plans and instructions for your recommended follow-up.

I am required to store all patient records for a period of time before they can be destroyed. I have selected RSRS to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice. If for any reason you would like a personal copy of your records, they will assist you in obtaining a certified copy for yourself and/or a new doctor. There is a fee for the transfer of medical records, but it not prohibitive.

To obtain a copy of your record, please proceed to:

**[www.recordsolutions.ca/DrGowing](http://www.recordsolutions.ca/DrGowing)**

or call RSRS at

**1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1**

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 relationship we have developed, and I truly appreciated the opportunity to help manage your healthcare needs.

Yours truly,

Robert Gowing, M.D.

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