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Notice of Medical Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that, after almost 32 years in practice in Ottawa, I will be retiring and closing my office. It has been both a privilege and pleasure to have been your family physician and I thank you for the confidence that you have shown in me over the years. My last day of patient care will be **September 2, 2024**.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, in spite of looking for over a year I have been unable to find a physician to take over my practice. I regret the hardship this may cause some of you. I have provided some suggestions below on how you can find a new doctor:

1. Ask family and friends if their doctor might be able to accept you as a patient.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
3. Call "Health Care Connect" (a Ministry of Health service). Note: When you register with them, you will be automatically de-rostered from my practice. You may wish to wait for this until after I close.
4. Contact **RSRS** (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients and can also recommend some virtual / online options.

Outstanding Lab Reports, Requisitions and Prescriptions

If you have not found a new physician before I leave, please ensure that you see me prior to September 2, 2024 to renew your medication.

Please do not use any outstanding laboratory or imaging requisitions ordered by our office (including any previously booked hospital tests and imaging) after September 2, 2024, as results will **NOT** be reviewed by me or communicated to me. You will need to get a new requisition from your new physician. Please note, that after September 2, 2024 you will no longer be able to access our After Hours Clinic. If you have an urgent medical matter in the absence of a doctor, please proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to store all original patient records for 10 years before they can be destroyed. I have selected RSRS, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice. RSRS will also assist you in obtaining a certified and searchable copy of your medical file for yourself and/or your new physician. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why the record is so important and why I encourage you to keep a copy, especially in the absence of a new doctor. *Please note that there is a fee for the copy/transfer of your medical records but it is not prohibitive.*

You can contact RSRS at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrHirsh

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

Thank you for your kindness and support over these years. I wish you well and good health for the future.

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