



Dr. Matthew Johnson

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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my practice. I will be moving closer to the GTA for family-related reasons. **My last day of patient care is June 28, 2024.** It has been a privilege and an honour to have helped you with your medical needs over the years.

Please have your pharmacy fax in a request for any prescription medications that you are taking on an ongoing basis no later than mid-June 2024. I will provide you with a 6-month supply of any habit-forming medications and a 12-month supply of all other medications. It is important that you see a primary care provider to review the results of any tests ordered by myself but completed after June 30, 2024, as I will not receive the results of these tests.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not found a physician to take over the practice. I recognize that finding a new physician is challenging. I encourage you to be proactive in your healthcare management during this time. Your medical record is important (see below). And here are some suggestions below to assist you for ongoing care:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try and get you in with their doctor.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
3. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>
4. 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.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. *Your medical record does not automatically follow you when you leave a medical practice, unless you arrange for it.* 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 encourage you to obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history. It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, *especially in the absence of a new doctor.* I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why the record is so important. 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/DrMJohnson

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

It has been a pleasure to assist you with your health care needs. I wish all of you the best with good health for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matthew Johnson

*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.