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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much thought that I have decided to retire from my family practice after 33 years. It has been a privilege and an honour serving as your family doctor. **My last day of patient care is November 24, 2023.** Please be assured that Nova Scotia Health and I will continue to actively search for a new healthcare provider to take over my office prior to its closure.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not found a physician to take over my practice. I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but I encourage you to be proactive in your healthcare management during this time. I have provided some suggestions below on how you can find a new doctor:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of physicians in your area.
3. Call 8-1-1 to see if they have information on physicians taking patients in your area.
4. Visit <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca> to register.
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.

Your Medical Record

The College of Physicians & Surgeons requires that original patient records be safely stored for a period of time before they can be destroyed. **Your medical record does not automatically follow you to your next doctor or nurse practitioner without instruction from you.** I have selected RSRS, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice, and also assist you in obtaining a *certified copy* for yourself and/or your new physician/nurse practitioner.

I encourage each of you to arrange to obtain a copy of your own medical record as it is an 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 make arrangements at your earliest convenience to obtain a copy of your medical records by contacting RSRS at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrMcAuley

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul McAuley

*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 Nova Scotia and the relevant privacy regulations.