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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

June 2018

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to inform you that **I will be closing my family practice on August 18, 2018.** The decision is not an easy one to make and leaving so many wonderful patients is the most difficult part.

Temporary Location June 4 – August 18

Due to unforeseen circumstances at the Steeles location, I have also been forced to find an alternative location for my practice immediately, until it is fully closed in August. The new address is: **401- 4800 Leslie Street North York M2J 2K9** .phone: **289- 597-1071**

Finding a New Physician (a few resources)

I suggest you ask family and friends if they can put in a request with their doctors to accept you as a patient. **Health Care Connect** helps Ontarians locate a new health care provider. To register for the HealthCare Connect program, call 1-800-445-1822. Please remember that after **August 18, 2018**, I will no longer be responsible for follow up on any of your test results.

Your Medical Record

Regardless of whether you find another doctor immediately after August or not, **you will need to obtain a copy of your medical record for continuity of care.** I am required to store all my patient records for a period of time and I've engaged the services of RSRS – a physician-managed facility, to store the records on my behalf and to assist you in obtaining a certified copy for you. There is a standard fee for this uninsured service, but the fee is not prohibitive. I suggest that you not wait for another doctor to obtain your record. It's important that you and any care provider have access to your record.

Please obtain your medical record at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrMekhael

or contact RSRS at

1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

I appreciated the opportunity to help manage your healthcare needs. Thank you for the privilege of being your family doctor. I will miss everyone, and I wish you and your family much health and happiness for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Saly Mekhael M.D.