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Notice of Retirement

Dear Patients:

It is with many emotions that I am announcing the closure of my practice at the end of March of 2021. I have been in practice in Victoria for twenty-seven years. I am all too aware of the great current problems of inadequate numbers of family physicians. If I understand correctly there are 75,000 to 100,000 individuals in the Greater Victoria areas without a primary care doctor. This is a terrible state of affairs that has its roots in the 15+ years of decisions made at multiples levels that have contributed to this situation. I am in good physical health; however, a number of factors including age (64), decisions on a new lease, but particularly greatly increased administrative and regulating demands have led me to this difficult decision. I love my family practice and have been grateful to work with and for you all. I am acutely aware that many of you will be left without a family doctor; I have endeavored to find an alternate physician for as many as possible. There are very few local physicians accepting new patients. I am most troubled by this situation. It speaks to the crisis in primary care which has been identified repeatedly for many, many years, but never addressed adequately by decision makers. My last day for seeing patients will be March 31st, I will remain available until then.

Finding a New Doctor

I am truly sorry in not being able to find a family doctor despite my efforts. I suggest the following to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Visit or call: www.victoriamedicalsociety.org/gp-listings/ ph: 250-598-6021
3. Visit or call: www.cpsbc.ca/physician_search ph: 604-733-7758
4. Visit or call: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/> ph: 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for hearing impaired)

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

Your Medical Record

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. They will also assist you in obtaining a *certified copy* for yourself and/or a new doctor.

I urge you to arrange for the transfer of your record as it is very important for your continued care, even in the absence of a new doctor. It is important that you have access to this information whenever it is needed. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons for keeping your record. Please do not delay in making arrangements.

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrMeyer

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: there is an administrative fee for the transfer of medical records)

Enough tilting at these windmills. It has been a pleasure and privilege serving you. With my eternal thanks and gratitude.

Yours truly,

Peter Meyer, M.D.

*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 British Columbia and the relevant privacy regulations.