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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my general practice. My last day of in-office patient care is **March 27, 2025**. I will be available by phone until April 3, 2025 for any last minute prescription refills etc. It has been a privilege and an honour to have helped you with your medical needs over the years.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not found a physician to take over my practice. I recognize that finding a new physician is challenging. I encourage you to be proactive in your healthcare management during this time. Below are some suggestions for ongoing care:

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. For medical advice, please call 8-1-1. You can also be placed on a list for patients in search of a new doctor. They will contact you if a new physician is able to assume your care.
4. Visit <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca> to register.
5. Visit www.iamsick.ca to search for a doctor or clinic near you.
6. You have the option to find a "Mobile Primary Care Clinic" in your area using Google.
7. Contact **RSRS** (see below). They sometime find out about 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 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, both when you have a new doctor and even more so, if you do not yet have a new doctor. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why getting your record is so important.

Please contact RSRS at your first opportunity for help with next steps in your care following my closure, and with respect to your medical record copy. It's possible that they may contact you as well, to ensure that all of my active patients have been properly notified.

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrMitton

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

(Please note: Unless it's an emergency, the actual delivery of your requested medical record will take place only after my practice closes. There is a fee for the copy/transfer of your medical record but it is not prohibitive.)

Thank you for the privilege of being your doctor. All the best and good health to you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Chris Mitton

*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.