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Notice of Practice Closure

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To all of my patients:

After 40+ years in Ophthalmology, I am closing my practice with **February 15, 2024** as my last day in the office. Looking after all of you has been a great opportunity that I have truly enjoyed. I know you will be concerned about your future care, and that is my concern as well.

Finding a New Doctor

There will not be someone taking over my practice, and I will try to direct my currently active patients to ophthalmologists or optometrists for follow up. In some circumstances you may have someone in mind due to proximity or other reasons. If so, please let the office know. You may also seek referral on your own through your family doctor. To help with this transition, if you have not done so in recent months, **could you inform my office of your email address?** We will use this for administrative purposes, not to transmit personal medical information.

The practice of ophthalmology has changed greatly over my career. You will need an optometrist to prescribe you glasses, as ophthalmologists no longer do that. Optometrists now handle much of the maintenance eye care with referrals to ophthalmology for ongoing surveillance or treatment of an active condition.

(If you have an urgent vision or eye problem in the absence of a doctor, you should proceed to the nearest emergency room.)



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Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario to store all original patient records for a period of time before they can be destroyed. I've selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company to securely store these. For active patients, I plan to send a summary of your care in my referral letters, but this will not be the entire chart.

If the full chart is needed, RSRS can assist you in obtaining a *certified copy* of your record for the new doctor or for yourself. While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. You may contact RSRS at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrNEpstein

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

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It has been a pleasure to be your ophthalmologist and I send my best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

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