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Notice of Practice Closure

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Dear Patients:

I am writing to confirm the closure of my general practice as of December 31, 2022. I am no longer seeing patients. Please know that it has been a privilege and an honour serving as your family physician.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I was not able to find physicians to take over your care. Therefore, I urge you to initiate a search for a new care provider. Please refer to the following suggestions:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
2. Call the "College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia" at 604-733-7758 or visit <https://www.cpsbc.ca/contact-us>
3. Visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/> or call 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for hearing impaired)
4. 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 - IMPORTANT

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I have selected **RSRS***, a physician-managed company to safely and securely store all patient records from the clinic and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself**. Requests for your records from a new physician's office can be faxed in to RSRS at 1-877-398-5932 or emailed to info@rsrs.com

Please obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history from RSRS. It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, **especially during these times and 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 do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrPhillipSimpson

Tel: 1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

Thank you for entrusting me with your health care needs over the years. I wish you and your family good health for the years to come.

Sincerely,

Dr. Phillip Simpson

*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.