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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

Sadly, I am announcing my retirement on September 1, 2020, after 49 years practicing. This decision has come after much thought and apprehension, due to my concern for the ongoing care of my patients with whom I have had the privilege of sharing life's trials and tribulations over multiple generations. Retirement always loomed in the future, but it was easier and more enjoyable to continue on than to face closing a practice. Seemingly overnight, Covid-19 forced my acceptance that age and a preexisting medical condition placed me firmly in the high-risk category. The time had inevitably arrived. **My last day for seeing patients will be August 28, 2020.**

Finding a New Doctor

It is advisable that you find a new physician as soon as possible. I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but I encourage you to seek continuity of care with the following suggestions to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Contact "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822.
3. Check <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/find-a-doctor.aspx>
4. Contact RSRS (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients.
5. Check the CPSO website for family doctors in the area. www.cpso.on.ca

If you have an urgent medical matter in the absence of a doctor, you should proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I've 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 copy for yourself.**

I strongly encourage each of you to arrange for the retrieval of your own medical record.

It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, even (and especially) in the absence of a new doctor. Please note that there is a fee for the service but it's not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements. RSRS be contacted at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrPringle

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

I have enjoyed working with you and will miss being involved in your ongoing care. Wishing you well and good health.

Sincerely,

Peter Pringle, 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 Ontario and the relevant privacy regulations.