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Notice of Retirement

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much consideration that I have decided it is time to close my family practice. It has been my privilege to assist you with your healthcare needs. **My last day for seeing patients is April 1, 2021.**

Finding a New Doctor

Despite my efforts, to date I have not been able to find a doctor to take over my practice. 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. For Burnaby Residents please visit the web site of our local division of family practice divisionsbc.ca/burnaby to obtain information about physicians taking new patients
3. For non-Burnaby residents please visit divisionsbc.ca. to obtain information about physicians taking new patients in your area.
4. Visit or call: www.cpsbc.ca/physician_search ph: 604-733-7758
5. 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/DrRife

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: there is an administrative fee for the transfer of medical records but it is not prohibitive)

Making the decision to leave my practice has not been easy, and leaving practice with so many wonderful patients will be the most difficult part. I have valued the trusted relationship we have developed, and I truly appreciated the opportunity to help manage your healthcare needs.

Yours truly,

William Rife, 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.