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NOTICE OF RETIREMENT

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Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you my plans to retire from family practice effective February 28, 2020.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not found a physician willing to take over my practice. In order to find another health professional to take over your care, I recommend the following strategies:

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. Contact RSRS (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients.

(In the event of a medical emergency, patients should go to the nearest Emergency Department.)

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians to place all patient records into secure storage for a period of time before they can be destroyed. I have arranged with RSRS, a physician-managed facility to safely store all records from my practice and also assist you in obtaining a certified copy for yourself and/or your new doctor. Your medical record is important for the proper continuity of your care. Please obtain a certified, digital copy from RSRS at your first opportunity, regardless of whether or not you find a doctor immediately, and whether or not your new doctor takes a copy. ***It is important that you can access this information whenever it's needed.***

Please go online to
www.recordsolutions.ca/DrRupert
or contact RSRS at
1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: There is a standardized fee for the copy and transfer of medical records which is not covered by OHIP.)

It has not been an easy decision to close my family practice and leaving the practice with so many wonderful patients will be the most difficult part. I value the trusted relationship we have developed and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have helped manage your healthcare needs.

I wish you and your family the best of health in the future.

Yours truly,

Raymond Rupert M.D.