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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It has been a privilege and an honour serving you as your family doctor. It is with mixed emotions that I am informing you of my decision to **close my medical practice at Maple Leaf Health Centre effective November 18, 2022**. There will be locum coverage with Dr. Ayesha Saeed at Royal Vista Medical Clinic throughout until November and sporadic locum coverage at Maple Leaf Health Centre from September until mid-October 2022. Regrettably, the other physicians at these clinics do not have the capacity to absorb my patients. If you need to address any medical issues, medication refills, or discuss test results, please make an appointment with my covering locums before November 18, 2022.

Finding a New Doctor

For continuity of care purposes, I strongly urge you to please start looking for a new family physician with the following suggestions:

1. Call the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta at 780-423-4764
2. Visit the websites albertafindadoctor.ca or search.cpsa.ca
3. Reach out to Sunset Ridge Medical Clinic in Cochrane at 403-840-0120
4. Reach out to Unify Medical in Rocky Ridge at 825-540-5000
5. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they can take you in.
6. Contact RSRS (see below). They are often aware of physicians accepting new patients.

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

Your Medical Records

The College of Physicians & Surgeons requires me to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. I have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company, to store all patient records safely and securely from my practice. RSRS will also assist you in **obtaining a certified copy of your medical file for yourself and/or your new physician**. Physician requests can be made through the fax number listed below.

I encourage each of you not to wait to arrange for the transfer of your record. It is an important file for continuous care and should always be accessible, even and especially in the absence of a new doctor. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why the record is so important. There is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, but it is not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSBains

Tel: 1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1 / Fax: 1-877-398-5932

In closing, I would like you to know that every patient encounter over the years has had a deep impact on me, hopefully making me a better physician and person. For that, I will remember each one of you dearly, and truly wish you all the best in the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharonjit Bains

*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 Alberta and the relevant privacy regulations.