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Dear Patients:

After much consideration, I have decided it is time for me to retire from Family Practice. My personal practice will be closing effective **August 31st 2023**. It has now been 45 years that I have been in Family Practice and I still have patients who have been with me for all these years. Believe me when I say this has been an agonizing decision for me to make. I feel I have a close relationship with the vast majority of my patients and leaving Family Practice and you all at this time will be very difficult for me.

There are a number of reasons why I have decided to leave at this time. The most obvious is that I'm not getting any younger and maybe that's why I'm asked multiple times per day "When are you retiring?" I have been working full time in Family Practice as stated for 45 years and this requires a lot of hours seeing patients and countless hours doing paperwork. I work in a small FHO (Family Health Organization) and due to Government Regulations (because we are less than six doctors) the number of hours I work will have to be increased to include more evenings and weekends.

As you may or may not know, as of May 2023 I will be the only Doctor working out of our location. This is a very large space although attempts have been made to attract more physicians which unfortunately have been unsuccessful. Our Landlord has been thus far very accommodating but as a solo Physician in a large space the overhead becomes extremely high and this cannot go on indefinitely. My Practice is what I call a Hybrid Practice (I use charts and results are downloaded to the computer and such makes moving to a new location very difficult). Covid has not helped with the situation. As you can imagine after practicing one way all these years things have changed drastically since 2020.

As mentioned earlier, my Personal Practice will be closing as of **August 31st 2023**. I realize it will be difficult for many of you to find another Family Doctor. At this time, I have been unsuccessful in recruiting anyone but am attempting to obtain a list of doctors who may take on new patients. I encourage you to seek continuity of care with the following suggestions:

1. Ask members of your family or friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>. I suggest this be done only after my practice is closed.
3. Contact my office for names and contact info of physicians willing to accept new patients.
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 Records:

The College of Physicians & Surgeons requires me to store all original patient record(s) 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 my practice. RSRS will also assist you in **obtaining a certified copy of your medical file for yourself and/or your new physician**.

Requests for your records should be directed to RSRS at **1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1**. OR go online to www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSBaum

I encourage each of you to arrange for the transfer of your record as it is a very important file for your continued care even in the absence of a new doctor. While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive.

It has been my privilege and honor to have assisted you with your healthcare needs. I wish you good health and happiness for the future.

Sincerely,

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