



Dr. Lawrence Sax

2221 Keele St., Suite 301 | Toronto, ON | M6M 3Z5

Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

I regret to announce my retirement as a family doctor due to personal illness. My practice will be closed effective **August 31, 2023**. Dr. Bert Wing King who has been filling in for me, will continue reviewing test results, etc., only for one additional week until September 8, 2023. It has been a privilege to have been part of your lives. I will surely miss each one of you and miss your kindness and encouragement.

Finding a New Doctor

There is an opportunity for a *limited* number of qualifying patients to receive ongoing care from medical residents with the Schulich Family Teaching Unit (FMTU) located at Humber River Health (1235 Wilson Ave. Toronto, ON M3M 0B2). This is available only to patients located within the local area who meet the qualifying criteria. If you are interested, please contact RSRS at 1-888-563-3732 regarding your medical record (see below), and indicate your interest in being considered for the program. They will submit your name on your behalf and you will be contacted within 10 days by the FMTU ONLY IF you are accepted into the program.

Finding a new physician is challenging at this time and I encourage each of you to be proactive both in your search and in your own healthcare management. Here are some suggestions to help you with this task:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try and get you in with their doctor.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
3. Register with "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>
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 Record

Your Medical Record is a very important document for safe continuity of care. I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to store all original patient records 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 on my behalf, and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself and/or your new physician**. Your medical record does not automatically follow you to your next doctor without instruction from you.

I strongly encourage you to obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history without delay.

Your medical record should also be accessible at all times, **especially in the absence of a new doctor**. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why the record is so important. While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. To obtain a certified copy of your medical record and / or to indicate your interest in the FMTU program above, please contact RSRS today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSax

Tel: 1-888-563-3732 ♦ Fax: 1-877-398-5932 ♦ Email: info@rsrs.com

I have enjoyed working with you to assist you with your health care needs. I wish all of you well, and good health for the future.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Lawrence Sax

*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.



Dr. Lawrence Sax

2221 Keele St., Suite 301 | Toronto, ON | M6M 3Z5

Schulich Family Medicine Teaching Unit

I am very pleased to inform you that the Schulich Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU) is prepared to select 400 of my patients that are bound by their catchment area. Their mandate at Humber River Health is committed to serving unattached and equity deserving patients bound by catchment areas that focus on equity deserving neighbourhoods.

Schulich Family Medicine Teaching Unit (FMTU) is a family medicine teaching unit affiliated with the University of Toronto. This means that medical residents, medical students, and other allied health students will be a part of your care. You may be assigned a resident doctor to be in charge of your care. A resident doctor is a doctor that has finished medical school but is training to become a licensed family doctor. They are always supervised by a licensed family physician supervisor. All patients who join this clinic must agree to see learners as part of their care.

If you understand this and are you okay with seeing a family medicine resident or doctor at Schulich FMTU as your primary care provider, please complete the steps below to be put on FMTU's selection list (*note: you will need to bring an electronic copy of your record to the office*)

To qualify for acceptance into the program, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You must live within one of the following postal codes: M3H, M3J, M3K, M3L M3M, M3N, M6A, M6B, M6C, M6E, M6L, M6M, M6N, M9A, M9L, M9M, M9N, M9P, M9R, M9V
2. You must have OHIP or IFH coverage
3. You must be without a family doctor at present
4. You must agree to being seen by a family medicine resident.
5. You must make arrangements to obtain a copy of your medical record from RSRS

If you wish to be considered for this program, please contact RSRS at 1-888-563-3732 and select the option for obtaining a copy of your medical record. Please Note: Once your name is submitted, it will take up to 10 days to hear back from Schulich FMTU ONLY if you are accepted into the program.