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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

With great sadness I need to inform you that I will be closing my family practice at Maple Leaf Health Centre as of March 31, 2021. After serious reflection I believe that this is the correct decision for myself and my family. I would like to thank my colleagues and staff at Maple Leaf Health Centre for their support, kindness and congeniality.

Finding a New Doctor

It is advisable that you find a new physician as soon as possible.

I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but it is important you seek continuity of care with the following suggestions to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Contact local medical clinics to enquire whether physicians are accepting new patients.
3. Contact "Health Link Alberta" at 1-800-408-5465.
4. Go to <https://search.cpsa.ca>
5. Go to <https://albertafindadoctor.ca>
6. 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 urgent care centre or emergency room.

Your Medical Record

As mandated by the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta your records will be stored for a minimum of 10 years. I have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself**. The records will be available come early January.

I strongly encourage each of you to arrange for the retrieval of your own medical record.

It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, even (and especially) in the absence of a new doctor. (I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why). While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSchoombee

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

I have enjoyed working with you to assist you with your health care needs. I wish you well and good health into the future.

Warmest regards,

Willem Schoombee
MBChB, CCFP

*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.