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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much consideration that I have decided it is time to close my practice. It has been my privilege to assist you with your healthcare needs. My last day for seeing patients is **June 30th, 2021**.

Finding a New Doctor

Despite my efforts, to date I have not been able to find a doctor to take over my practice. I suggest the following to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Call 8-1-1 to see if they have information on physicians taking patients in your area.
2. Visit <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca> to register
3. You can ask friends or family to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
4. Contact **RSRS Inc.** (see below). They are sometimes aware of physicians accepting new patients

In the event of a medical emergency, patients are instructed to go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physician & 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 and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself** and/or a new doctor.

I strongly encourage each of you to arrange for the transfer of your own record. It is very important for your continued care and should always be accessible, even (and especially) in the absence of a new doctor. It is important that you have access to this information whenever it is needed. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons for keeping your record. 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. Please proceed on the web to:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSilburt

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

Making the decision to leave my practice has not been easy and leaving a practice with so many wonderful patients will be the most difficult part. I have valued the trusted relationship we have developed, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to help manage your healthcare needs.

Yours truly,

Bruce Silburt, MD, FCFP

*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 Nova Scotia and the relevant privacy regulations.