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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

My family has been providing physician services to Belleville and the surrounding area for over 100 years.

Therefore, it is with mixed emotions, I wish to inform you that **I will be retiring from Family Practice effective October 12, 2021.**

Finding a New Doctor

I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but it is advisable that you find a new physician for future care as soon as possible. I recommend you seek continuity of care with the following suggestions below:

1. Call & register with "Health care Connect" 1-800-445-1822
<https://ontario.ca/healthcareconnect>
2. Ask family & friends for referrals to their doctors.
3. Contact RSRS (see below). They are often aware of additional resources for care.

Your Medical Record

I have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice.

I recommend that you obtain a **copy of your personal medical history both for yourself and for your new doctor**. 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, so please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today. Please proceed on the web to:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSimmons

or call RSRS at
1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

It is essential that any **diagnostic tests (blood work, diagnostic imaging); consultations done after the date of my retirement be sent to your new primary care provider**. If you are unable to obtain one, you will need to request that they be sent to you so you can follow up as needed.

I have so enjoyed the practice of Family Medicine. We have shared joys and sorrows on life's journey. I shall miss my patients, colleagues and friends. I wish you all the best.

Yours truly,

Maureen L Simmons, MD CCFP FCFP

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