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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much thought and reflection that I am announcing the closure of my practice. The practice will be **closed effective 29th October 2021**, but will remain staffed until the 20th November 2021.

Until the 29th October 2021, the office will run normally, and as needed I will be increasing the hours that we are open in order to see all of those who wish to be seen before I leave. If I am needed after this date, I will be available by appointment until the 20th November 2021. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 905 680 2722 to book an in office or telephone appointment with me.

Importantly, if there are any labs or consultation reports still pending after 29th October 2021, they will be forwarded to me, and I will contact you should any further action be required.

Finding a New Doctor

There exists a shortage of family doctors in Ontario. As a result, a replacement has not yet been found. I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but I encourage you to seek continuity of care with the following suggestions below:

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

Your Medical Record

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period of time 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***.

As a last piece of medical advice, I encourage you to obtain a copy of your personal medical history. 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. You can proceed to the web at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSinton

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

It has been a privilege and an honour to have been your family doctor and the decision to leave has not been an easy one, but I feel the time is now right for me to close the practice.

I will miss my patients, friends and colleagues and wish you all the best in the future.

Yours Faithfully,

Geoffrey Sinton, MBChB. DCH, 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 Ontario and the relevant privacy regulations.