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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my general practice after 37 years. My last day of in-office patient care is **July 12, 2024**, although I will be able to receive and if necessary act upon any outstanding test/lab results for a few weeks after the office closes. It has been a privilege and an honour to have helped you with your medical needs over the years.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not found a physician to take over my practice. I recognize that finding a new physician is challenging. I encourage you to be proactive in your healthcare management during this time. Your medical record is important and will be needed by any subsequent family physicians. Below are some suggestions:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of physicians in your area.
3. Call 8-1-1 to register on the seeking a new doctor list. They will contact you if a new physician is able to assume your care.
4. Visit <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca> to register.
5. 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

I am required by the College of Physicians and Surgeons to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. *Your medical record does not automatically follow you when you leave a medical practice, unless you arrange for it.* I have selected RSRS, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice. RSRS will also assist you in obtaining a certified and searchable copy of your medical file for yourself and/or your new physician.

I encourage you to obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history. It is a very important file for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, *especially in the absence of a new doctor.* I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons why getting your record is so valuable. 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 at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSpicer

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

Providing medical care is a two-way street. I truly appreciate all the concern and support you have shown me, my family and even my Official Office Dog over the years. I have learned a great deal about a great many things as we chatted over those years, as if we were family sitting around a table. I realize that many of you have never had another family doctor, and Janis (my office assistant of 53 years with the practice!!!) and I wish nothing but good things for all of you. Fare Thee Well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Finlay Spicer

*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.