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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing the closing of my family practice. **My last day of patient care is June 27, 2024.** I would kindly ask that you please ensure all outstanding tests and investigations are completed before June 10th, 2024, so that I may appropriately communicate test results to you before practice closure. Should you need investigations or prescriptions after this time I recommend you seek out the care of your new physician to order these tests. If you require a medication refill prior to my practice closure, please have your pharmacy fax over a request. In some situations, you may require an appointment for medication fills, so I urge you to request well before practice closure so you may obtain an appointment for this as I will not be in a position to give medication renewals after June 27th 2024. 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 the practice. I recognize that finding a new physician is challenging and can be stressful. I encourage you to be proactive in your healthcare management during this time. Your medical record is important (see below). And here are some suggestions below to assist you for ongoing care:

1. I have compiled a list of a few doctors who are presently accepting patients. I urge you to contact one of them or a different doctor of your choice directly as soon as possible to prevent interruption of your patient care as there may be a waitlist for care.
2. Look for a list of family doctors accepting patients on [ECMS.org](https://ecms.org)
3. Call 811 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007) to ask for doctors accepting patients
4. Ask family and friends if they can try and get you in with their doctor.
5. Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
6. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>
7. 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 of Ontario to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. *Your medical records do 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.* If / when you locate a new doctor, you can offer him / her a copy while still keeping the first copy for yourself. I have included an infographic illustrating 10 reasons. 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/DrStarczewski

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

It has been a pleasure to assist you with your health care needs. I wish all of you the best with good health for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joanna Starczewski

*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.



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List of Doctors accepting patients in Windsor Essex County:

Dr Janeta Szczepanik

Grand Marais Medical
Centre
2930 Dominion Blvd
Windsor ON N9E 2M8
Tel: 226-773-0715

Dr Oluwole Oduntan

Grand Marais Medical
Centre
2930 Dominion Blvd
Windsor ON N9E 2M8
Tel: 226-782-8526

Dr. Iphie Okete

Ultima Medical Centre
2710 Howard Ave,
Windsor ON N8X 3X5
Tel: 519-915-2101 Ext 2

Dr. Neville Ratwatte

SUITE B, 186 TALBOT
STREET SOUTH,
ESSEX, ON
Tel: 226-779-6484

Dr. Sadeer Peter

1400 Provincial Rd
Windsor ON
Tel: 519-977-2126
To be put on waitlist

Dr. Channa

Gunasekera
Advanced Care Family
Practice
5565 Wyandotte St. E
Windsor ON
Tel 226-216-5299

2 new female physicians accepting patients

TMC URGENT CARE CLINIC TECUMSEH
13278 TECUMSEH ROAD EAST, TECUMSEH, ONTARIO, N8N 3T6
PH: 1 (519) 979-5260

or submit application online at <https://www.tmcurgentcaretecumseh.com/doctors-accepting-patients>