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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

As many of you are already aware, I have made the decision to retire after 34 years of practice as your family doctor. I would like to thank you, alongside my colleagues, for your confidence in me during this time. I will look back fondly at all of our years together. My final day in office will be **June 30, 2023**.

Finding a New Doctor

To help facilitate the transition of patients' care I have been in touch with some of my colleagues who have agreed to accept patients to their practices based on availability. For those patients who have been unable to register with a doctor, please start looking for a new family physician promptly with the following suggestions:

1. Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
2. Call the "College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario" at 416-967-2603.
3. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or register online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner> (Only register with Health Care Connect after your last appointment with me)
4. 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 Records- IMPORTANT

The College of Physicians & Surgeons requires me 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. 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 each of you to arrange for the transfer of your record as it is a particularly 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 the record is so important. There is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, but it is not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS today:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrUppal

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

A reminder to all patients to ensure that your OHIP cards are up to date and not expired in order to facilitate the rostering process at your new physician's office.

It has been a privilege and an honour to have helped you with your medical needs over the years. I wish you and your family good health and much happiness for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jaishree Uppal, MD

*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.