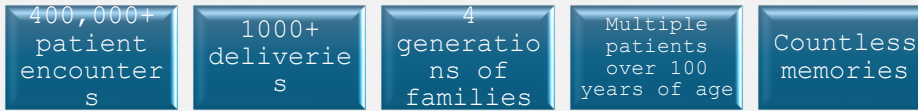


It has been a long and wonderful journey – thank you!

To my dear patients,

After much reflection and consideration, I have made the decision to hang up my lab coat and stethoscope. I am to retire from my practice of 46 years on **April 30, 2025.**

Since July 2, 1979, I have been practicing at Westminster West End, attending to your healthcare needs. In that time, there have been:



Making the decision to leave my practice has been extremely difficult. I truly appreciate and value the relationships we have developed and how you have entrusted in me the opportunities to work with you in helping manage your healthcare needs. My deepest apologies that a replacement physician is not available to take over the practice. Please see the recommended suggestions below on finding a new doctor and obtaining a copy of your record. My practice is to completely close as of **April 30, 2025.**

I would like to make a few acknowledgments to those who have been integral throughout my practice as a physician. Many dedicated staff have contributed to the daily functioning at Westminster West End. Particularly, I am grateful to Tetyana and Julie who have been with me and run the front desk for 20+ years. I have been fortunate to work with many colleagues and peers who have remained steadfast in their professionalism, knowledge, teamwork and kindness – thank you. To my family, whose love and support have allowed me the opportunity to remain a dedicated practitioner for nearly 46 years.

Of course, I would like to acknowledge you, my wonderful patients: My most sincere gratitude for letting me into your lives and for allowing me to care for your wellbeing. I hope and wish for you nothing but good health and good care for years to come. Thank you for this wonderful journey.

Sincerely,



Dr W P Rehevka

Finding a New Doctor

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 (see below). Here are some suggestions to assist you for ongoing care:

- Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
- Speak to your local pharmacist who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
- Visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/> or call 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for hearing impaired)
- Visit <https://bchealthcarematters.com/patient-resources>
- Be in contact with **RSRS***. They often have access to additional resources which we don't have.

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.

Please contact RSRS at your first opportunity for help with next steps in your care and your medical record following my closure. My office will **NOT** be involved in the record transfer process. It's possible that they may contact you as well, to ensure that all my active patients have been properly notified. You can also contact them directly at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrWRebeyka

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

(Please note: With few exceptions, the actual copy/transfer of your record will take place once my office closes. There is a fee for the copy/transfer of your medical record, but it is not prohibitive.)

*RSRS is a physician-managed medical records storage facility. They are fully compliant with the guidelines set by the College of Physician and Surgeons of British Columbia and the relevant privacy regulations.