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SECOND NOTICE - Practice Closure & Medical Records

Dear Patients:

This letter contains further details about the closure of my practice and handling of your medical records. My last day of patient care is August 31, 2024. **All prescription refill requests must be faxed to us by your pharmacy no later than August 1, 2024.**

Finding a New Doctor

I understand that finding a new physician can be challenging. Here are some suggestions to assist you in securing ongoing care:

1. Ask family and friends if their doctor can take you on as a patient.
2. Speak to your local pharmacist, who may be aware of new physicians in your area.
3. Call "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner>
4. Contact RSRS as they have various resources that can assist you while you are searching for a new doctor.

If you have an urgent medical matter and do not have a doctor, please proceed to the nearest emergency room.

Accessing Medical Care

- Pharmacists can provide prescription refills and treat many common ailments
- Virtual clinics and walk-in clinics offer access to primary care.
- For health screening, visit the Cancer Care Ontario website.
- For imaging (including x-ray, ultrasound, CT, MRI, mammogram) completed after the practice closure, ensure you obtain a copy of the report and have it reviewed by a physician.
- Blood work results can be viewed on-line. Copies can be printed for review by a physician.

Your Medical Record

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario requires me to store all original patient records for 10 years before they can be destroyed. *Your medical record does not automatically follow you when you leave a medical practice, arrangements must be made to transfer 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 crucial for your continued care and should be accessible at all times, *especially if you do not yet have a new doctor.* *Please note that RSRS will charge a fee for the copy/transfer of your medical record.* To make arrangements, please contact RSRS at:

Website: www.recordsolutions.ca/DrWeatherall

Tel: 1-888-563-3732

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

Thank you for the privilege of being your doctor. All the best and good health to you.

Sincerely,

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*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.