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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and after much consideration that I have decided it is time to close my family practice. It has been my privilege to assist you with your healthcare needs. **My last day for seeing patients will be June 28th, 2019.**

Finding a New Doctor

Despite my efforts, to date I have not been able to find a doctor to take over my practice. I will continue to make every effort to look for a replacement but, in the event, I am unable to, I suggest the following to find a new doctor for yourself:

1. Ask family and friends to ask their doctors if they would take you in.
2. Contact "Nova Scotia Health Authority" at 8-1-1.
3. Visit <https://needafamilypractice.nshealth.ca>.

In the event of a medical emergency, patients are instructed to go to the Yarmouth Regional Hospital Emergency department.

Your Medical Record

I am required to store all patient records for a period of time before they can be destroyed. I've selected RSRS to safely and securely store all patient records from my practice. They will also assist you in obtaining a *certified copy* for yourself and/or a new doctor.

I urge you to arrange for the transfer of your record as it is very important for your continued care, even in the absence of a new doctor. Please do not delay in making arrangements.

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrWertlen

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: there is an administrative fee for the transfer of medical records)

Making the decision to leave my practice has not been easy and leaving practice with so many wonderful patients will be the most difficult part. I have valued the trusted relationships we have developed, I wish you and your family the best of health in the future.

Yours truly,

Winston Wertlen, M.D.

*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.