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Update to Practice Closure Notice

Dear Patients.

As you are likely already aware, I will be closing my practice at the Markham McNicoll Family Care Clinic. My last day seeing patients will be on <u>July 31, 2023</u>.

Finding a New Doctor

I recognize that changing physicians may be stressful, but I encourage you to seek continuity of care with suggestions below:

- 1. Ask family and friends if they can try to get you in with their doctor.
- 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 register online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner
- 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 Record

The College of Physicians & Surgeons requires me to store all original patient records for a period before they can be destroyed. Your medical record does not automatically follow you to your next doctor. 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 copy* for yourself and/or your new physician. Requests for your records by a new physician's office can be faxed in to RSRS at 1-877-398-5932 or emailed to <u>info@rsrs.com</u>

I encourage each of you to arrange to obtain a copy of your own medical 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. 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 today at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrWijeya Tel: 1-888-563-3732 Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

I have enjoyed working with you to assist you with your health care needs. I want to wish all of you well and good health for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shintula Wijeyakulasingam

*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.