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Notice of Practice Closure

Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to announce the closure of my family medical practice. It has been a privilege and an honour serving as your family doctor. The last day for seeing patients will be **June 30, 2023**.

Finding a New Doctor

Unfortunately, I have not been able to find a physician to take over your care. However, the clinic and its remaining doctors have been selected by the Island Health Authority to participate in a program leading to licensure for a foreign-trained physician. Should the selected physician candidate meet all of the program requirements, this physician will start work at Viewmont Family Medicine in October 2023.

Therefore, I would urge you to initiate a search for a new care provider. Please refer to 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 British Columbia" at 604-733-7758 or visit <https://www.cpsbc.ca/contact-us>
3. Visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/> or call 8-1-1 (7-1-1 for hearing impaired)
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 - IMPORTANT

I am required by the College of Physicians & Surgeons 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 the clinic and to assist you in **obtaining a certified copy for yourself**. Requests for your records from a new physician's office can be faxed to RSRS at 1-877-398-5932 or emailed to info@rsrs.com

In the absence of a new family doctor, it is recommended that you obtain a certified copy of your medical record. While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. Arrangements can be made by contacting RSRS at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrvanderLinden

Tel: 1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

Fax: 1-877-398-5932

Email: info@rsrs.com

It has been so very rewarding helping you over the years. I have valued the trusted relationships we have developed and truly appreciated the opportunity to help you manage your health care needs. I wish you good health and much happiness for the future.

Sincerely,

Dr. van der Linden

*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 British Columbia and the relevant privacy regulations.