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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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It is with mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement from active practice effective June 30th, 2017.

I have made every effort, over the past six months, to find a replacement to take care of you. I regret to say that this has not been successful. Victoria, as well as many centers throughout Canada, continues to lack Family Physicians/GPs.

I have truly enjoyed being your Family Physician over the years and it has been a great privilege for me to assist with your health care. I will surely miss the many friendships that have developed over the years. It has been well over 50 years that I have been practicing as a Family Physician and it is time now that I must retire. It seems like yesterday that I first hung my '***Shingle***' out, in Ontario, and my medical years have been so rewarding. You, the patients, have made it that way.

I recommend that you obtain a copy of your medical chart. This information is important for your continued care. Please inform any specialist, clinic or hospital you attend of your new family doctor's name and location.

Medical Record (Important)

It is required that all original clinical records of patients are to be kept for a specialized period of time before they are destroyed. I have contracted with **RSRS (Record Storage & Retrieval Services)**, a compliant medical records facility, to store the records from the practice and to transfer a copy of your file upon your instruction.

**To obtain a certified copy of your medical record,
please complete the online request form at:**

www.recordsolutions.ca/drballard/

or call

1-888-563-3732, Ext.1

(Please note that there is a fee for the copying and transferring of medical records.)

Jennifer and I wish you great health and happiness now and in the years ahead.

My Sincerest Regards,

James H. Ballard M.D.