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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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Dear Patients:

It is with mixed emotions and not without much consideration, that I have made the decision to retire and will be closing my practice at year's end **The office will be closed effective December 31st 2017.**

This has been a very difficult decision for me as it has truly been a privilege to be your Family Physician and many of you are both friends and long-time patients. It is even more difficult as I have been unable to secure a replacement physician as hoped.

Finding a New Doctor

As you may know, there exists a shortage of family doctors in Ontario. I recommend that you use your personal network to find a new physician. A family member or friend may be able to ask if his/her doctor is taking new patients. Another option is to contact **Health Care Connect** which helps Ontarians locate a new health care provider. To register for the Health Care Connect program, call 1-800-445-1822. Nurse Sharon will also try to help with this process.

When you go for tests or see a specialist, please give them the name of your new family doctor. As of January 2018, we will no longer be responsible for any of your test results.

Medical Record (Important)

Your medical record is your personal medical history. It is important for your continued care. I suggest you obtain a copy.

It is required that all original clinical records of patients are kept for a specified period before they can be shredded. I have contracted with RSRS (Record Storage & Retrieval Services), a medical records facility, to securely store the records from my practice and to transfer a copy of your record with your authorization.

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

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrCarruthers/

or contact

1-888-563-3732, Ext.1

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

It's been an honor being your physician and I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Carruthers MD, PhD