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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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Dear Patients:

After much consideration, I have decided it is time to retire from family practice. After over 40 years of practicing family medicine the time has come to hang up my stethoscope. **My personal practice will be closing effective June 15, 2018.** Although I am closing my personal practice, Uptown Health Centre will still continue, there are doctors there who may take on some patients.

Finding a new doctor

You will need to find yourself a new family doctor. The following doctors have indicated to me their willingness to take on *some* of my patients. Please enquire at the numbers listed:

- Dr Richard Wang, 396 St Clair Ave West, Toronto. M5P 3N3, 416-928-9343
- Dr Brooke Hogarth, 123 Edward Street, Suite 718, Toronto. M5G 1E2, 416-971-7730
- Forest Hill Medical Associates, 200-491 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto. 416-782- 6111

Another option is to contact Health Care Connect, a Ministry of Health service available to help Ontarians locate a new healthcare provider. They can be reached at: 1-800-445-1822. Please remember to give the name of your new family doctor for any specialist visits or medical testing as I will no longer be responsible for any of your test results after **June 25, 2018**.

Medical Record - IMPORTANT

Your medical record is *your medical history* and is very important for your future care. It does not automatically follow you to your next doctor, nor does every new doctor request a copy. However, it is very important for reference and for continuity of care in the future. I am required to store all original patient records for a period of time before they can be shredded. I have enlisted the help of RSRS, a physician-managed facility, to assist with the storage and transfer of all patient records. They will transfer a *certified copy* of your record upon your instruction. I strongly recommend that you obtain a copy from RSRS, as this information would not be available to you or to your new doctor otherwise.

Please obtain a certified copy of your medical record at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrEpstein

or at

1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

(Note: There is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records.

I have enjoyed being your family physician and it has been a privilege to assist with your health care. I have enjoyed many good friends in the practice; patients, staff and colleagues,

I wish you and your family good health and happiness for the years to come.

Dr. Shirley Epstein