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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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, 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 or her doctor is taking on 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**.

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.

Please contact your pharmacy prior to December 31st, 2017 for any long- term prescriptions.

Medical Record (Important)

Your medical record is your own personal medical history. It is important for your continued care.

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 secure and compliant medical records facility, to store the records from the practice and to transfer a copy of your file upon your instruction.

I strongly recommend that you obtain a copy of your personal medical history from RSRS.

This information is important for your continued care and may not be available to you or your next healthcare provider otherwise.

Please go online to
www.recordsolutions.ca/drsansome/
or contact RSRS at
1-888-563-3732 Ext. 1

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

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

Yours sincerely,

David Sansome MD.

* RSRS is a fully compliant, physician-managed medical records facility.