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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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Dear Patients:

After much consideration, I have made the decision to close my family practice. I have enjoyed many good friends in the practice over the years, but the time has come to move on. **My last day seeing patients is June 15th 2018.** I will be continuing my nursing home practice at The Glebe Centre for an indefinite period.

Finding a New Doctor

I've put in considerable effort to find a physician to assume my roster of patients, and thus far I have yet to find one to make the commitment. That search will continue until my very last day and I will advise you if the status changes. I recommend that you become proactive in your own search. Ask friends and family members to ask their doctors to take you in. Health Care Connect is an Ontario Ministry of Health service which assists patients in finding a doctor in their area. You can contact them at 1-800-445-1822. You'll also find them online. Please remember to inform your specialists and diagnostic lab of your new family doctor once you've found one. I will no longer be reviewing results after July 15 2018.

Your Medical Record

I am required to keep all *original* patient records securely stored for the required years after I close. I have enlisted the help of RSRS, a doctor-managed facility to manage the storage. Your medical record is very important for your continued care. It contains specific information about your health profile. I urge you to obtain a copy of your record for yourself and also for your new doctor (if he/she wants a copy). You must contact RSRS to authorize the release of a "certified copy" of your record. They will charge a fee for the service, but it is not prohibitive. Getting a copy is the only way to ensure that this information is fully accessible any time it's needed, and you are the only one who can make that happen.

Please obtain your medical record at:

www.recordsolutions.ca/DrSchneider

or call RSRS at

1-888-563-3732, Ext.1

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

I have enjoyed being your family physician and it has been a privilege to assist with your health care. I wish you and your family much health and happiness for the future.

Sincerely,

Gerd Schneider M.D.