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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

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Dear Patients:

After much consideration, I have decided that it is time to close my family practice. I have enjoyed being your family physician and it has been a privilege to assist with your health issues. I have enjoyed many good friends in the practice; patients, staff, and colleagues, but the time has come to move on. **My last day seeing patients is July 31th 2018.**

Finding a New Doctor

As you may know, there exists a shortage of family doctors in Ontario. *Health Care Connect* is a Ministry of Health initiative which helps Ontarians locate a new health care provider. To register for the HealthCare 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 **July 31, 2018**, I will only be responsible for any of your test results which I have ordered.

Medical Record (Important)

I am required to keep all original clinical records of my patients for a specified period before they can be shredded. I have contracted with **RSRS** (Record Storage & Retrieval Services)*, a physician-managed facility, to store the records from my practice and to transfer a certified copy of your file upon your instruction. **It is important to obtain a certified copy of your personal medical history from RSRS so that you have it for yourself and for another physician when you need it.** This information is important for your continued care and may not be available to you or your next healthcare provider otherwise.

Please obtain your medical record at:
www.recordsolutions.ca/DrThomas
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)

It has been a great pleasure being your physician and I wish you and your family much health and happiness for the future.

Sincerely,

Mary Thomas MD.

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