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NOTICE OF PRACTICE CLOSURE

January 2017

Dear Patients.

After much consideration I have decided it is time to close my Family Practice. I have made the decision to move in another direction. The office will be closing **March 16th 2017.** I have enjoyed being your Family Physician and it has been a privilege to assist with your health care needs. I have made many good friends through this practice, patients, staff, and colleagues, but the time has come to move on.

Finding a New Doctor

As you may know, there exists a shortage of family doctors in Ontario. Health Care Connect is a new Ministry of Health initiative 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 <u>March 30, 2017</u> we are no longer responsible for any of your test results.

Your Medical Record (Important)

It is required that all original clinical records of patients are kept by the physician for a specified period before they can be destroyed. I have contracted with RSRS (Record Storage & Retrieval Services), a compliant medical records facility, to store the records from this practice. They will transfer a copy of your file to you and/or your new doctor 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.

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

www.RecordSolutions.ca/DrShahiraBoulos

or contact Patient Support at 1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1

(Note: There is a standardized guideline 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 good health and much happiness in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Shahira Bolous MD.