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## **Notice of Practice Closure**

#### Dear Patient(s):

We are writing this letter to inform you that we will no longer be able to serve as your primary care physicians at Simcoe Family Medicine, *effective June 30, 2023*. After over 40 years of combined practice, we have decided to close our family practice. The last day of operation of our office will be June 30, 2023, and we will operate on *a very limited basis only, up until this time.* We will endeavour to refill your prescriptions upon request prior to this date. We will be *unable* to offer preventative health care appointments, such as physicals during this transition period.

#### **Finding a New Primary Care Provider**

At this time of constrained health care resources, we do not have a provider taking over our practice or patients. We encourage you to seek continuity of care with the following suggestions to find a new practitioner as soon as possible:

- 1. Ask members of your family/friends if their health care provider can accept you as a new patient.
- 2. Contact "Health Care Connect" at 1-800-445-1822 or online at <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner">https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-family-doctor-or-nurse-practitioner</a>.
- 3. Contact the local hospital for names and contact info of physicians accepting new patients.
- 4. Contact RSRS (see below). They often are aware of physicians accepting new patients.

If you have an urgent medical matter in the absence of a doctor, please proceed to the nearest emergency room or call 911.

#### **Your Medical Record**

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario requires us to store all original patient record(s) for a period before they can be destroyed. We have selected **RSRS**, a physician-managed company, to safely and securely store all patient records from our practice. RSRS will also assist you in **obtaining a certified copy of your medical file for yourself and/or your new physician**. Requests for your records by yourself or a new physician's office can be faxed to RSRS at 1-877-398-5932 or emailed to info@rsrs.com

We encourage each of you to arrange for the transfer of your record as it is a very important file for your continued care, even in the absence of a new doctor. While there is a fee for the copy/transfer of medical records, it is not prohibitive. Please do not delay in making arrangements by contacting RSRS at your earliest opportunity at:

### www.recordsolutions.ca/DrlanandDrDanaYoung

Tel: 1-888-563-3732, Ext. 1 | Fax: 1-877-398-5932 | Email: info@rsrs.com

#### **Outstanding Test Results**

Please note that diagnostic test results sent to our office after July 20<sup>th</sup> will not be reviewed. Please take your results to a qualified healthcare provider for interpretation.

Thank you for trusting us with your health care needs throughout our time at Simcoe Family Medicine. It has been a pleasure caring for you. We wish you continued health and happiness in the future.

Warmest regards,

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\*RSRS is a physician-managed medical records storage facility. They are fully compliant with the guidelines set by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the relevant privacy regulations.