



Doctors Medical Clinic

Family, General Practice and Maternity Care

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My Dear Patients:

The time has come for me to retire from family practice. I plan to retire at the end of June. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be with each and every one of you on your journey over these years. I am continuing to look for a replacement, but given the current situation in family medicine, here are a few suggestions:

1. Contact any physicians local to you to see if they are taking a wait list. Explain that I have let you know that I am retiring. If friends and family have family physicians, see if they would be willing to take you on.
2. Website dedicated to help find family doctors: findadoctorbc.ca
3. Health Link BC: 8-1-1 phone (provides medical advice over the phone with a nurse)
4. Victoria Medical Society
5. None of the family doctors in the office are taking new patients, but I will see if some patients who have **urgent** medical conditions can be accommodated. That number will be small. If that is the case for you, my staff will be calling you directly. Please **DO NOT** call the staff to see if you will be called.
6. When you find a new doctor, your records can be transferred with a written request from you. There is a charge for this service, as it is not covered by the medical services plan. My suggestion is that if you are successful in finding a new doctor, you transfer as soon as possible.
7. If all else fails, go to the same walk in clinic all the time, so that your records will be in one place.
8. Please continue to call for appointments with me until the end of June, but avoid calling or emailing the staff about my retirement. They do not have any more information than I have provided in this letter.

I wish you all the best,

Yours truly,

Dr. Dorothy Hamilton

