



North Middlesex

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE

Community at the Heart

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A Letter to My Patients

I am writing to you with difficult, but unavoidable news. As a young physician starting out in this community over 20 years ago, I was overwhelmed by your appreciation of the care that I had the privilege of extending to you and your families.

As many of you are aware, however, I have struggled with health issues over the last three years that have required me to slow down my practice activities. I took this slowly at first, maintaining my family practice, while stopping work in the emergency department, then the Strathroy Hospital. Eventually, I was forced to reduce my time in the office.

Unfortunately, my health situation has now progressed to the point that I am no longer able to manage having an office practice. I will be closing my office practice as of November 14, 2011.

What does this mean for you as my patients at the clinic? At the present time, there is no physician who is able to take over the care of my patients within the two North Middlesex Community Medical Centres (NMCMC). This means that you will need to find a new physician.

The Board of Directors for the NMCMC is continuing to rigorously search for a new physician to come to the community, so it is my hope that there will one day be another local physician to serve your medical needs. Until that time, a list of names of area physicians who are currently accepting new patients has been compiled and is enclosed. If your new physician would like a copy of your medical records, those will be made available for a fee to NMCMC which will offset the costs of the chart transfer.

I deeply regret having to make this decision, but it is the best and only course available to me given my circumstances and health at this time.

It has been a great blessing to me to have had the opportunity to be a part of your lives over these years. I wish you the very best, and thank you all for your support and the privilege of being your physician.

Kindest regards,

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