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Date: April 19, 2023

Dear Patient,

I am writing this letter to notify you that after months of careful consideration, I have decided to close my PEI practice and look for a Respiriology position elsewhere. I will cease providing on call coverage May 11, 2023 and close my practice officially as of June 9, 2023. Due to the shortage of Internal Medicine providers, our Internal Medicine Specialist group has gone from 1:5-6 coverage to 1:3 coverage since September 2022. Due to these ongoing challenges, it is no longer sustainable for me to provide care in PEI within the current system. Unfortunately, there is no replacement for my practice. I will do my best to see as many follow up patients before my practice closes.

If you have a CT follow up booked over the next 1-2y: please be advised that you will need to see your General/Nurse Practitioner or Alternative care provider (Maple or Walk In Clinic) to review the results and arrange follow up as I will not be practicing on PEI hereafter. Most nodules are scars but CT follow up is recommended to ensure no change and to ensure they are not slow growing cancers.

All former patients of my practice are thus advised to continue to follow up with their primary care providers for ongoing care of your Respiratory and General Medical needs. Any ongoing bloodwork for follow-up will need to be ordered by your primary care provider group. If you do not have a primary care provider then you may access MAPLE services or a local walk-in clinic.

MAPLE: patients must register with the virtual care service. For more information please visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pel/register-with-maple>
You may also call 1-833-710-1456 or email HealthPEIMaple@ihs.org

Walk-in clinics are available for non-emergent medical needs. An up-to-date schedule can be found: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/health-pel/walk-in-clinics>

For urgent medical needs, please call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Emergency Department.

Your health records will confidentially remain at the Summerside Medical Centre. If you would like to receive a copy of your medical records, please contact the Summerside Medical Centre at 902-432-8181. Please note there may be a fee for this service.

Sincerely,

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