Dear Patents,

I am writing with mixed emotions to let you know about changes coming to Bayview Family Practice. As many of you know, there are plans to build a condominium on the site of our medical building at 586 Eglinton Ave East. The need to move has compelled us to consider our options and goals. After much deliberation, Bayview Family Practice will close its doors on December 31, 2023. As you can imagine, after 25 years of working so closely together this is not a decision we took lightly. We have shared many important milestones together and with you, our patients. We are parting ways with the utmost respect for one another, and gratitude for the opportunity to work together and with our amazing staff.

As many of you know, I assumed the role of Chief of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre August 2019 and will be relocating my family practice to the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, at 2075 Bayview Avenue in January 2024. The Sunnybrook department of Family and Community Medicine is a training site fully affiliated with the University of Toronto, Department of Family and Community Medicine. The Family Practice unit is made up of a group of excellent physicians and interprofessional healthcare providers committed to educating learners and supporting our local community. Should you decide to continue your care with me, you may have clinic visits with supervised family medicine residents or medical students from the University of Toronto.

I am happy to be moving together with Dr. Leslie Beyers to contribute to the education of future family physicians, support recruitment and retention of family physicians in our community.

For more information about the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team, and our plan to *keep the front door to healthcare open* in our community can be found at the links below.

https://sunnybrook.ca/content/tpage=family-practice-unit-physicians-health-team

Details on how to schedule appointments will be available early December 2023 on the Bayview Family Practice website.

I respect and understand that for various reasons this may not meet your health care needs. Your medical records will automatically remain with me unless I receive written authorization from you to transfer them to another physician. If you decide to search for a new family doctor the link below may be helpful.

Find a family doctor

Participating in your health journey and sharing moments of joy and sadness with you and your family has made me a better physician and person. Thank you for the privilege of being your doctor.

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