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## A Note from Dr. Hughes Concerning His Retirement

To all my patients at Kawartha Cardiology:

I wish to tell you how grateful I am to have been able to take part in your care for nearly 40 years. Drs. Reesor, MacKenzie, Rodgers, Hartleib, Doucet, Wagner, Krause, Kelly, and Fu, along with many others have helped to create a unique and meaningful practice for us all.

Technical and support staff have been key to what was created. Many of you will know them by name, particularly Sue Driscoll who has been with me almost 40 years.

Let me now help you to understand what will happen next:

Please DO NOT CALL the office with any concerns. Instead email Sue if you need prescriptions or have questions: <u>sdriscoll@kawarthacardiology.com</u>

All of the cardiologists at KCC have full practices. They have no obligation to take over patients from any colleague. However, they have kindly agreed to take on a small number of patients, who do not have access to a Family Doctor or Nurse Practitioner, and who have complex conditions requiring expert surveillance.

I will be reviewing every chart of active patients (those seen within the last 2 years) and making referrals where appropriate. If you are attached to Primary Care I will advise your care provider as to what testing should be considered, and when it should be performed in keeping with the standards of care in Ontario. If you do not have a Primary Care Practitioner I will send you a letter that gives the same information directly to you. The office staff and I will remain available to assist you with these matters until October 31, 2024.

Prescription renewals are available from many sources. Your Primary Care Provider or Nurse Practitioner are able to renew anything that I have prescribed. The Good Doctors provide timely and capable services that you can access in Peterborough and are able to make any referrals that you may need as well as prescriptions. There are two locations in Peterborough. Locations are displayed on their website (gooddoctors.ca).



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Your last consult note and test reports will be retained electronically at KCC. These are limited to the consultations and test results that were created by the doctors at Kawartha Cardiology. Other records can be obtained from the consultants and institutions that created them.

The last day for in office visits will be July 31, 2024. Any subsequent visits will be by video or phone.

I wish you all the best in the future.

William G. Hughes, MD, FRCPC Cardiologist