

Dear Patient

This is the third of four communications about succession planning 1. It is sent to all regular patients of Dr McLaren's who are age 16 and older.

Dr Wijeyakulasingham has begun seeing patients this summer. Thank you to those who have made appointments and begun to develop a working relationship with your new family physician.

#### Enrolment with Dr Wijeyakulasingham

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care ( MOHLTC) have approved enrolment of Dr. McLaren's patients with Dr Wijeyakulasingham starting August 1st 2023. Enrolment is a Ministry of Health and Long Term Care ( MOHLTC) process where both you and Dr Wijeyakulasingham acknowledge, in writing, the relationship between provider and patient. This alignment recognizes our obligation to provide you with access to care and your obligation to attend this office for primary care and not use unaffiliated walk-in clinics nor other family doctors outside Markham Family Health Team. Enrolment also determines our complement of office staff and the provision of allied health associated with the Family Health Team. In short, Enrolment is central to the success of the team based model of care. We will make every effort to make this simple for you. Enrolment involves signing a one page form and leaving the form with our office. Individuals over 16yo sign the form. Parents sign for those 15yo and younger.

This is an important step for you to take now to ensure your ongoing care here in this office. Please complete your enrolment in the next 2-3 months.

#### Criteria for Enrolment

The MOHLTC sets out the parameters for enrolment.

1. You must be a current patient of Dr McLaren.
2. You must be an Ontarian who resides less than 100km from the office.
3. You must have a valid (non-expired) OHIP number.

#### How to Enrol:

**Enrolment forms must be dated on, or after , August 1st 2023.** The forms were sent out via email and via Canada Post to those without and email in our files. The forms are also available in the office and can be signed there if it is easier for you. Once completed and dated you can return the signed enrolment form via email ( **send to: [enrol@markhamfht.com](mailto:enrol@markhamfht.com)** ) or via regular mail or drop it off at the Cornell Park Ave. office.

For those who live at a distance: If you live more than 100 km away, have been receiving all your primary care from Dr McLaren, and cannot get a family doctor where you live, we encourage you to make an appointment with Dr Wijeyakulasingham and discuss ongoing care.

1 <https://www.markhamfht.com/newsevents/>

#### Booking with Dr Wijeyakulasingham:

Please book using online booking (<https://www.markhamfht.com/online-booking/>). Dr Wijeyakulasingham's schedule is now open for August, September and October. You may also book by calling via 905 471-9999.

#### Prescription Renewals:

You should plan ahead this fall to meet Dr Wijeyakulasingham and get your next prescription refill via an in-person visit. This is especially important for medication for mood, anxiety, ADHD etc. She will wish to hear from you about how the medication is working for you. You will need to instruct your pharmacist not to direct further repeat requests to Dr McLaren.

#### Data Management and easing the transition:

Dr McLaren will stay active behind the scenes. Incoming labs and reports will be reviewed and actioned on, where need be, by networking with Dr Wijeyakulasingham. Please advise all service providers ( specialists / labs / hospitals / imaging centres) to forward new results to Dr Wijeyakulasingham and, where applicable,

indicate her name in their database as your new family doctor. The goal is to make the transition smooth and seamless for you. You will assist in your own health care by ensuring that service providers outside our office know of your new family doctor.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this. Your next step is to ensure your new family doctor has your enrolment form. Please see the appended enrolment forms or request the same forms in person at the Cornell Park Ave. office

Thank you

Dr Stephen McLaren