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Dear Colleague,

I am writing to formally share an important update regarding my practice and to express my sincere gratitude to the local optometric community.

I have made the difficult decision to resign from my position as a Retinal Surgeon in the Division of Ophthalmology at the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, effective December 31, 2026. Since May 2025, I have been cross-covering both Windsor and the Halton region, with the initial intention to transfer to a full-time practice here in Halton by the summer of this year. However, due to ongoing constraints with local operating room resources and a persistent mismatch between regional clinical needs and allocated surgical capacity, I have decided to step away from surgical retinal responsibilities at the hospital. Instead, **I am planning to remain in Windsor, Ontario, transitioning to full-time practice there starting in 2027.**

To ensure an orderly transition and manage our existing patient waitlist responsibly, **I will stop accepting non-urgent surgical and medical retinal referrals immediately.** The Halton Retina Centre brand will be discontinued; however, be rest assured that my colleague, Dr. Aaron Chan and the **Milton Eye Surgeons (MES)** will continue to provide local retina care and will be accepting referrals.

Please note the following parameters regarding patient care during this transition period:

- **Emergency Cases:** I will continue to provide coverage for local retinal emergency cases to the best of my capacity through December 31, 2026.
- **Existing Patients:** Every reasonable effort will be made to complete surgeries and necessary care for patients currently on our elective waitlist prior to my final day of service. Patients who require continual injections will have the option of following me to Windsor or transitioning to the care of Dr. Chan at MES.

Most importantly, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each of you. Since the inception of the Halton Retina Centre in May 2025, your incredible support, trust, and collaboration have been invaluable. It has been an absolute privilege to work alongside you and to care for our shared patients in the Halton community.

Thank you for your understanding and dedication throughout this journey.

Warm regards,



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