

LaGuardia Place Pediatrics

FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

July 18, 2016

Dear patients, families and friends,

It is with sadness that I announce the closing of LaGuardia Place Pediatrics effective October 14, 2016. Unfortunately after 21 years of independent pediatric practice LaGuardia Place Pediatrics has suffered the fate of many small businesses. Rising costs and increasing regulatory requirements in the face of decreasing reimbursements from medical insurance companies (not to mention increasing 'hassle-factor') make operating a quality small independent pediatric practice, such as LaGuardia Place Pediatrics, no longer practical.

I (Dr Papadeas) will no longer be available as your pediatrician as of Friday October 14, 2016. (Friday September 23, 2016 will be the final day I will be an in network Blue Cross provider). Until those dates I will be available for appointments to facilitate your transfer of care in addition to emergency visits, 'sick visits', 'last' Well Care visits and consultations.

It is important that you identify another pediatric provider and request to have your records transferred. As medical records are considered Protected Health Information (PHI) they may only be released upon written request by patient (if over 18) or parents/guardian (if younger than 18). To facilitate the process I have enclosed a medical record release authorization form. Please refer to FAQ attached. Additionally, your new provider may access all immunization records via NYC's CityWide Immunization Registry (CIR).

This is the 'official' notice of closing, however I will continue to provide more detailed updates and information via email, facebook and our website LaGuardiaPlacePediatrics.com.

I assure you this decision was not an easy one. I have greatly valued our relationship and thank you for your loyalty and friendship over the years.

Best wishes for your future health,

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FAQ

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Are you offering specific referrals to pediatricians?

Every patient and family is different and have different requests and needs therefore I am not giving a 'blanket' referral to another pediatric practice.

How do I find another pediatrician?

In addition to word of mouth you can consult the following resources for lists of pediatricians in your area:

- Your insurance company will have provider referral information both online and by calling the phone number on the back of your card
- NYU affiliated physicians @ NYULangone.org/doctors or 646-929-7805
- WeillCornell affiliated physicians @ WeillCornell.org

How do I transfer my records?

Fill out the enclosed form and bring, fax (212-505-1091) or mail to LaGuardia Place Pediatrics.

Who can sign the transfer of record form?

Since your records are Protected Health Information (PHI) the request must be signed by patient (if over 18) and parent or legal guardian (if under 18)

Is there a fee to transfer records and why?

Processing record requests takes a considerable amount of time and resources. For this reason there is a NYS accepted fee, currently \$0.75/ page plus postage. While full record request is your right, I am offering (and recommending) a **free option** which will be concise and simpler to understand.

What is the free option record transfer LaGuardia Place Pediatrics is offering?

In order to expedite and simplify the process for patients we are offering one **free** record summary of pertinent medical information if requested by **September 30, 2016**. This will include printouts of growth charts, immunizations, labs and electronic summaries. (in short anything I would want to see as your new doctor).

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Are you recommending I get the free summary and why?

Yes. This is the most efficient way to obtain and communicate your medical record. While the full copy does literally have every contact with LaGuardia Place Pediatrics it is not curated so extracting pertinent information can be cumbersome. Your new doctor will have all the information he/she needs in a more usable form with the summary..

Do I have to send records to another pediatrician or may I have a copy for myself?

You may chose to send records to yourself or another doctor. There will be an additional fee to send to both parties.

Is there a deadline to transfer records?

The free offer will expire September 20, 2016. Until October 14, 2016 summaries are available for a fee. After that time your records we be stored and available as per NYS guidelines. The fee currently is \$0.75/page.

How many pages are in a typical medical record?

This varies according to how long you have been a patient of LaGuardia Place Pediatrics. We keep both electronic and paper records. In a full transfer all information is copied. There is no provision to 'edit' or curate. Most charts are greater than 100 pages and most are several hundred pages.

What if I need my records after October 14, 2016?

Records will then be in storage. Requests can be directed to Vicki Papadeas, MD, LaGuardia Place Pediatrics, PO Box 135, Callicoon, NY 12723 You will be charged fee allowable by NYS, currently \$0.75/page plus postage.

What about my immunization records?

Immunizations records are included both in the summary and full record transfers. I also recommend you keep your own electronic copy. In addition, NYCity Immunization Registry (CIR) has records of vaccines administered at LaGuardia Place Pediatrics. This can be accessed by your new provider.

Is Dr Papadeas retiring or going to join another practice?

Thank you for your question. While I am not retiring I currently have no plans after October 2016. Please make sure you are on our email list and I will keep you posted.

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