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"Medical Records from Yadkin Valley Community Physicians"

If any citizens or your family members were patients of Yadkin Valley Community Physicians located at 624 W. Main St., Yadkinville, NC. and would like the paper copies of your medical charts, please contact Dr. James McGrath, M.D. at 336-677-1100. All pertinent records have been digitized and paper charts are scheduled for destruction.



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When this practice site was operating as Yadkin Valley Community Physicians, paper medical records were used. When Yadkin County took over physical control of the hospital property in July, 2015, some of the medical records in the outpatient practice area were removed and relocated to other sites on the hospital campus. These were records of patients who had not been seen in the outpatient practice for several years.

However, quite a number of paper charts were left behind and I signed an agreement with Yadkin County in November, 2015 to take possession of them.

This practice began operations October 1, 2015 and for a period of time, we did make use of the old paper charts, retrieving past labs and/or imaging studies mostly, to scan and add to the new electronic medical record that we have been using since October, 2015.

Now eight and a half years into operation, the old paper charts are unneeded.

I have checked with the North Carolina Medical Board and other sources regarding the length of time that medical records need to be retained, and we are well past the five year requirement.

The boxes containing these records take up a lot of space and I have made the decision to have the old paper charts destroyed.

If, however, you would like to take possession of your old paper chart, please let us know and we will give it to you.

Sincerely,

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Authority of: Lisa Hughes, County Manager

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