

To our valued patients and friends,

I am writing today to give you some important information about your future dental care. After much thought and deliberation, I have decided to pursue my personal and professional goals by selling my general dentistry practice with a view toward retirement.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me and my dedicated staff by allowing me to care for your dental needs for the past 37 years.

I wanted to make certain that my patients continue to have the quality care and compassion that you have come to expect. I have evaluated a number of candidates and I am very excited to announce that Dr. Zachary Emerson will continue my practice and commitment to the State College community as of April 15, 2024.

Dr. Emerson is originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania. Following graduation from The Pennsylvania State University with a major in Food Science, he received his Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D) from Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry. Like myself, Dr. Emerson is dedicated to his craft and takes great pride in being the best dentist that he can be. He continues to expand his skills and education in complex and comprehensive care, cosmetic dentistry, and oral surgery. Currently, he is diligently working towards receiving his FAGD Award (Fellowship Academy of General Dentistry). Only about 6 percent of general dentists in the U.S. and Canada are AGD Fellows. Dr. Emerson has been practicing in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for the last 3 years at Ephrata Family Dentistry where he was the solo-dentist of the practice.

When he is not practicing dentistry, Dr. Emerson stays connected to his favorite pastime, hockey. He and his wife enjoy spending their summer weekends on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland and as they love adventures, they will certainly be exploring all that Centre County has to offer. Dr. Emerson is an avid Philadelphia and Penn State sports fan, especially hockey and football. He loves working out, going to church, and spending time with his family. It was always a dream of Dr. Emerson's to attend Penn State. He is so excited to serve State College and considers it a blessing to come back "home" to Happy Valley with his wife Liz.

I will be working alongside Dr. Emerson on a limited part time basis. If you are in the middle of treatment, I will be available to you to finish your care. Our staff will remain the same and will continue the great care that you deserve. I am certain you will have the same trust and confidence in Dr. Emerson going forward. Your future appointments will remain the same.

Joanne and I sincerely thank you for allowing us the privilege of taking care of your dental needs through the years. It has been our pleasure to get to know you not only as a patient but as a friend.

Very truly yours,

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