Patenaude Family Dentistry
169 Water Street, Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Valued Patient,

It is my pleasure to share the news of an exciting change occurring at Patenaude Family Dentistry. As you probably know, my relatives and I have been providing dental care in downtown Augusta since 1953. The family-like relationships we have formed with our patients over the decades compel me to ensure your dental needs and concerns are satisfied now and in the future. While I am continuing to provide treatment, I am starting the process of transitioning toward retirement. It is both fortunate and exciting that we have found a Central Maine group practice that shares the same commitment to exceptional service and patient care you have come to expect and deserve. Soon we will merge with Smile Solutions of Maine that currently supports locations in Waterville and Winthrop. Carol and I are confident that you will be in exceptional hands with a choice of practitioners from whom to select. Let me introduce you to them:

The incoming dentists are Dr. Jay Wietecha, Dr. Peter Vayanos, and Dr. Joseph Dumont. These masterful dentists have nearly 50 years of combined experience and their practice celebrates its half century anniversary on August 16, 2026. Their practice philosophy has always been "An Emphasis on Excellence" with the goal of completing the highest quality dentistry utilizing ultra modern materials and techniques. The doctors' dedication to continued learning will bring you the option of the newest techniques performed at the highest level. For many retiring dentists that would be enough, but I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with them on several occasions and have observed traits of friendliness, kindness, honesty and respect; attributes that are of importance for the continuation of Patenaude Family Dentistry.

Dr. Jay Wietecha graduated from Tufts Dental School in 2001 and has been practicing dentistry in Central Maine for 25 years. He has enjoyed all aspects of General Dentistry but is especially passionate about long term success with implants as well as traditional crown and bridge restorations. He has achieved Mastership with the Academy of General Dentistry and has held many board positions with both local and state dental associations. Jay has been involved with his lake association and the Acoustic Neuroma Association, and is an ambassador for Oticon Medical Bone Anchored Hearing Devices. Jay and his life-partner Cassie live in Oakland on one of the Belgrade Lakes. He has helped raise adult step-children, Blake and Ellie. Jay enjoys spending free time at the Southern Maine coast surfing and beach-combing as well as time on the lake.

Dr. Peter Vayanos is a 2009 graduate of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. After graduation, he completed a one-year residency at the Togus VA Medical Center in general practice and then joined Dr. Wietecha and the now retired Dr. Laliberte in Waterville. Peter is a Dawson Academy graduate, past president of the Maine Academy of General Dentistry and is currently completing his Mastership in that organization. He serves as President of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lewiston. Dr. Vayanos enjoys spending time with his wife and 3 children at their home as well as beekeeping, skiing, and relaxing at the family cottage. Peter also appreciates traveling to his homeland to see relatives and while there, often hiking up Mount Athos for spiritual retreats.

Dr. Joseph Dumont is a Central Maine native and grew up as a patient of Smile Solutions' Waterville practice. A graduate of Dalhousie Faculty of Dentistry, Joe's passion in dentistry includes treating TMJ disorders utilizing DTR, a digital muscular sensing device to balance one's bite. He is the only certified user of this technology in Maine. Dr. Dumont is also enthusiastic about providing Invisalign orthodontics and comprehensive crown and bridge dentistry services to create an ideal smile. Joe is a Dawson Academy graduate and a past-president of the Academy of General Dentistry. Outside the office he enjoys hiking and relaxing on the water with his fiancé Cece and their son, Griffin. Ice fishing, hunting, and disc golf are also personal interests of Joe.

As you come in for your next appointments, you will see the same team, with the addition of the new doctors. They will be in the office while I continue to practice to meet you, and to start practicing alongside me until the transition fully takes place. I look forward to this next step in our shared practice, and appreciate your continued support and trust in me as we look towards a new era at Patenaude Family Dentistry.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Patenaude Jr., D.M.D.