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Family Background

I am Chinese but was born in Korea. My grandparents moved to Korea from Shandong, China in an attempt to better their lives for their family. I grew up and spent my first eight years in Seoul, Korea so I speak some Korean.

My parents' desire to better our lives and to give us more opportunities brought us to Dallas. My parents were typical immigrants with language barriers and provided for us by opening and operating a restaurant.

Their language barrier became my asset for I speak fluent Mandarin. My siblings and I all worked at the restaurant growing up and that is where I started to learn about hard work.

My parents worked long hours in order to provide for us and our education which they were not able to receive. My parents always stressed the importance of education and their desire for us to go to college and beyond in order to achieve what I wanted to do professionally.

Growing up in Dallas/ School and Residency

I went to Plano schools growing up and attended Texas Christian University with a BA in Biology. I wanted to be in a profession where I could excel and still maintain a balanced family life. I chose Dentistry and was accepted into Baylor College of Dentistry.

Baylor was ideal because I could attend graduate school and stay close to my family as well as care for my father, who was ill at the time

After completing my dental school education, I decided to embark on a residency program at the Veteran's Affairs Health Science Center in Dallas. There I met my mentor Dr. Griffiths who taught me the various areas that make up an excellent dentist.

During this time, I learned advanced techniques that a 4 year dental program did not teach like implants. At the VA hospital, I also learned to work with patients that have other medical challenges which require special considerations in their dental care

Opening a Practice

After residency I worked in a private practice for several years. With both advanced schooling and practical experience, I decided I can make a greater difference by combining all of my experience in my own practice. In 2005, I established my private practice. I chose Plano because I grew up here and wanted to stay close to my family to continue watchful care over them

Passion to Excel Personally and Professionally

Not too long ago, I went on a medical mission trip to a remote area of Mexico. The people there have never had an opportunity to receive any healthcare. I feel that it is important for me to give back and to use my skills to help those who are less fortunate. My goal is to go to China someday to do the same.

Professionally I want to give back and make a difference too. So I teach at the Baylor College of Dentistry to train up our future dentists. I have been teaching at Baylor for one and a half years and will return next year to teach again.

There is so much more to Dentistry than what is in the books, so I want to be able to share advance techniques and patient care experiences to these students.

I want to do my best professionally and personally and I am driven to excellence even if it means applying a great deal of determination. In my practice, I take no short cuts. Nor do I prescribe treatments where a more conservative route can be taken. The practical nature of my background from being from Shandong guides me here.

As for my hobby, personally I like to run and I participated in the Susan G Komen "Race for the Cure", a 5 kilometer race for Breast Cancer. More recently, I trained extensively for my first full marathon. In December of 2008, I ran 26.2 miles and completed my first full marathon in 4.5 hours!

Practice – Differentiation

To provide the best dental care, I believe in having the best equipment available to my patients. I have the latest technology at the office. For example, I have digital radiographs which provide approximately 70% less radiation than traditional film x-rays. Further, this means that my patients do not have to wait for the x-rays to be developed.

Unlike most medical professionals, I invested in an all digital office so I am paperless. All records are kept digitally so they can be retrieved and reviewed with no wait time.

My practice provides both cosmetic and family dentistry. Family dentistry includes tooth colored fillings, crowns, root canals, gum disease treatments, extractions, and implants. Cosmetic dentistry includes but is not limited to veneers, whitening, and all porcelain crowns.

Our office takes all PPO plans. We are in-network with about 9 plans and take all out-of-network PPOs.

At the end, it is patient comfort and satisfaction that I seek.

“When other children played or studied at night we delivered to-go orders, cleaned the restaurant and performed many other chores.”

“I take a lot of pride in my work and there's nothing more rewarding than seeing a patient return because of their superior experience.”