

## Dear Referring Dentists and Friends:

It is difficult to believe I have been in the practice of dentistry for thirty-seven years. I started my practice in Troy in 1987 and I am still amazed by the number of wonderful patients that have remained through that course of time. It seems like yesterday I joined with Dr. John Natsis in Birmingham when he decided to slow down and eventually retire so many years ago. Thanks to you, our practice grew to be very successful and expanded with the changes in the profession. It has been exciting to see the incorporation of dental implants into everyday dentistry and gratifying to practice this aspect of dentistry with my colleagues and friends. It has truly been an asset for so many patients.

I have reached a time when I have started to think about the future for myself, my family, my patients, and my referral community. Therefore I am pleased to announce that Dr. Samuel Korkis will be joining our dental team and assuming ownership of the practice.

After many months of searching for the right person to carry on our vision for what a periodontal practice should be, I am confident I have found the right person to carry on in the manner in which you have become accustomed. I will be reducing my time over the next months, and assisting Dr. Korkis where necessary to insure a smooth transition.

Dr. Korkis received his dental degree from the University of Damascus in 2007 and completed a four year residency in Damascus. He completed a preceptorship at the University of California in Prosthodontics – Periodontics and Advanced Implantology and obtained his Certificate in Periodontics from the University of Detroit-Mercy . He served as an adjunct faculty instructor at the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry from 2016-2019. Dr. Korkis worked in a multi-specialty practice in Vermont, but decided to move back to Michigan and start a practice of his own.

My health is good, but I believe that is all the more reason that finding the right person now is even more prudent. I had many opportunities to evaluate who might best serve our patients and referral sources, who trust in our care. I believe Dr. Korkis has the qualities necessary to continue to serve our patients and referring doctors in the professional manner which they deserve and have come to expect.

Even though we are all dealing with difficult times as a result of the Covid 19 dilemma, we hope to schedule some time with you to introduce you to Dr. Korkis. I am confident you will find him a wonderful addition to our dental community.

Sincerely,

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