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To My Islip Dental Family:

As most of you are aware from my previous letter, lower back issues have forced my decision to retire from dentistry which would have been sometime around the date of March 31, 2026.

I have been conducting my due diligence for the last 18 months to find a caring, seasoned, conservative dentist who will continue our tradition of "treating patients like family". It has been difficult, as this philosophy is disappearing as private dental offices are supplanted by dental corporations. The 45-60 minute hygiene appointment has all but disappeared. As this preventive foundation to optimal oral health disappears, so increases the need for more expensive, and sometimes preventable or even unnecessary dental work.

During the last few months, I have been verbally telling patients, as I see them, that I had possibly found a successor that would keep them in practiced hands. Unfortunately, I am sorry to say that those sale negotiations have just recently failed.

During the month of April, we will be available a few days per week to finish cases in progress, handle questions, transfer records, and cover any emergencies until patient records are turned over to **Emerald Document Imaging** ([www.emeralddocument.com/records-request](http://www.emeralddocument.com/records-request)) **(631) 435-2900**. This will occur sometime around May 8, 2026. During that first week in May, staff will only be available for emergencies in the office on May 5th. After May 8, **Emerald** will act as legal custodian of your dental records. Records can then be forwarded at your request. I assure you that all records will be maintained in accordance with all HIPPA laws.

On a personal note, I'd like you to join me in wishing Rosalie, Nilda, and Patty, who have been with Islip Dental 50, 40, and 33 years respectively, a happy and healthy retirement. Along with Jennifer, Alexa, and Corinne, thank you all for treating our patients like a family and making every day a pleasure.

It has been my honor and pleasure being your dentist, and I shall miss our time together. Thank you for your trust, loyalty and support for all these years!

*Dr. Bob*