



Dear Friends and Patients,

It has been my pleasure to practice dentistry of over 40 years here in Lakewood and Denver, Colorado. It's been my pleasure to help you with your dental needs and I have truly enjoyed the chance to get to know so many wonderful people. Although my heart and head would like to continue doing dentistry fulltime for many years to come, my health is telling me it's time to make a change. Fortunately, I have found a wonderful doctor to help with the transition. I will still be practicing part time for the next 6-12 months, but for the most part Dr. Rugova will be assuming care of all patients effective February 1, 2025.

When I decided to retire, I interviewed several dentists who expressed an interest in my practice. However, I was very impressed by Dr. Rugova that she has the knowledge and skills needed to take over my practice. We share similar practice philosophies, and I am certain you will find her to be compassionate, friendly, and very pleasant to work with. I trust her abilities and knowledge.

I am pleased to recommend her for your continued care. I feel confident that she will continue to provide you and your family with the high-quality dental care you are used to receiving. Dr. Rugova and the rest of the staff will take great care of you.

I again thank you for your trust and friendship over the past years and wish you the best in years to come.

Sincerely,

Bernard D. Slota DDS





Dear Denver Smiles Family,

I'm thrilled to join this wonderful community and continue the exceptional dentistry and personalized care that Dr. Slota has provided over the years. Over the next few months, Dr. Slota and I will work closely together to ensure a seamless transition of Denver Smiles' ownership to me, maintaining the same high standards of care you've come to expect. Even after the transition, Dr. Slota will remain part of the practice, so you'll continue to see his familiar face.

A bit about me: Alongside my Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, I hold a Masters Degree in Biomedical Science, and am on track to receive my Doctorate degree (PhD) in implant dentistry this year. I also bring significant experience as a practicing dentist, particularly in implant dentistry. In my last year of practice, I placed over 1,500 dental implants, helping patients restore both their smiles and confidence. If you've ever considered dental implants or want to learn more about your options, I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

Since moving to Colorado a few years ago, my dog, Cappuccino, and I have embraced the outdoors by learning to ski, bike, and even dabble in furniture building. On weekends, you might spot us at the Cherry Creek State Park dog run!

I truly looking forward to meeting all of you and am committed to making your dental care our top priority.

With warm regards,

Dr. Sihana Rugova