



Dear Patients, Colleagues, and Friends,

The year 2020 was a difficult year for all of us. It brought us the coronavirus, political turmoil, and economic hardship. It forced us to spend more time alone and made simple tasks such as leaving the house feel dangerous. However, it also allowed us to reflect, to think about our lives, and to appreciate what is important to each of us. As I reflected, I realized that it was time for me to pursue some of the dreams I have wanted to chase over the years. With this realization, I have decided that it is time for me to step back from dentistry and to transition Dr. Ian Tydeman to sole ownership of our dental practice. I trust Ian explicitly -- his respect, decision making, and clinical expertise drove me to choose him as an associate, and eventually a partner, more than 10 years ago. You are in excellent hands! Dr. Tydeman has chosen Dr. Sheeva Azimi, a friend and 10-year graduate of OHSU for his new associate.

My last day will be March 31, 2021. And even though I will not be part of the everyday fabric of Mayerle + Tydeman Dental, you will see my face as I to continue working with sleep patients and to fill in during vacations.

I plan to fill my time.....fishing. Seriously, while fishing will be high on the list, so will time with family, many projects to complete our home, and volunteer work. My first goal is to submerge myself in an overseas country to become fluent in Spanish, while volunteering dental services to those who need them. From there, I hope the trip will continue to places I don't know, and then someday return to the life I love on the Oregon Coast.

I appreciate the support and trust you have placed in me as your dentist. It is an honor and privilege that I will never forget. I will deeply miss the stories of your families, watching your kids succeed, and the laughter and banter we shared during our visits. These are the things I love and I will cherish forever. I am so lucky to have patients with such amazing, generous, and interesting lives. Together, I felt like we built more than a dental office. We built a dental community. Sure we fixed teeth. But we also shared our successes and failures, our joys and our tears, and our knowledge and compassion. It was awesome for you to allow me to be a part of it.

Over the past 30 years, I have been blessed to work with a staff that exhibits such compassion, expertise, and personality. I will miss them dearly! We feel and act like a family. I know I will see, talk, and chat with them often. Please know they will continue to be here to provide for your dental needs. I ask you to support Dr. Tydeman, Dr. Azimi, and the staff. Together you will continue the mission that we started and continue to build our community.

Thank you so much and Happy Trails!

Brad

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brad Mayerle'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping 'M'.