

Dear Patients of Dr. Gauthier,

I hope this letter finds you well! I'm excited to introduce myself as the new dentist joining your care team. As Dr. Gauthier begins to step back from full-time practice, I'm grateful for the opportunity to join Southern Pines Family Dentistry. I have great respect for what he's built here, a practice rooted in trust, relationships, and personalized care, and I'm excited to carry that forward.

A bit about me — I'm originally from Brainerd, Minnesota. I attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, where I played football and completed my B.A. in Biology. I went on to earn my Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. After dental school, my significant other, Kaci, and I relocated to the Southern Pines area, and we've felt at home here ever since. The warmth of this community and the people we've met made it an easy place to fall in love with. The outstanding golf courses don't hurt, either!

Outside of the office, I enjoy staying active, cheering on my favorite sports teams (Go Vikings!), trying new restaurants, and spending time with our two dogs. We love exploring the beaches of North Carolina, taking weekend trips to Charleston, SC, and making visits back to the lakes of Minnesota.

When it comes to dentistry, my philosophy is simple: I treat every patient as if they were a member of my own family. I believe dental care should feel approachable and flexible enough to fit into your life. Whether you're here for a routine check-up or more complex care, I want you to feel informed, comfortable, and confident in your experience. I'm also dedicated to continued education and am a current member of the North Carolina Dental Society, the American Dental Association, and the Academy of General Dentistry.

I understand that any change in your healthcare team can bring questions. Please know that I'm committed to earning your trust and continuing the high standard of care you've come to expect. With Dr. Gauthier's involvement during this transition, I hope you'll find a sense of familiarity even as we look forward to this new chapter together.

Thank you for welcoming me. I'm truly excited to meet you and feel honored to be a part of your care.

Warmly,

Conor Gessell

Dr. Conor Gessell, DDS

