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Dr. Patel is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with more than 14 years of experience. She graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed her oral surgery residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Stony Brook University.

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Q: What makes you different from other dentists?

A: I see myself as a human first. I'm proud of my skills and achievements as a dentist and oral surgeon, but the human factor always comes first. I think my patients would describe me as approachable, warm and friendly. And I take the privilege of what I do, and the trust my patients put in me, very seriously.

Q: What is unique about your practice?

A: We are small and patient focused—and not interested in growing past a certain size. There has been a major surge in corporate dentistry over the past decade, but I don't believe such large practices can offer the same quality of individualized care we pride ourselves on.

Q: What is an example of a time when you helped a patient that you're particularly proud of?

A: There are many, but in particular I remember a young 16-year-old patient who had an extreme dentofacial deformity, with basically no chin. We did corrective jaw surgery and inserted a chin implant. Within six months, she was not the same person. She was brimming with confidence. She sent us prom photos and looked gorgeous. It was extremely fulfilling.

Q: What are your interests outside of work?

A: I'm involved with Landmark Worldwide, a personal and professional growth, training and development organization that helps people create the lives of their dreams. I also do triathlons and, after completing three Half Ironmans last year, I was supposed to do my first Ironman this year. Sadly, due to Covid-19 it was postponed a year.