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Sent on behalf of Dr. Robert Cooney, Professor and Patricia Numann Chair of Surgery...

It is my pleasure to announce that Patrick Smith, DDS, FACD, has accepted the position as Chief of the Division of Dentistry at Upstate Medical University effective immediately. Dr. Smith obtained his dental degree from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. He completed his General Practice Residency here at SUNY Upstate. He worked as a general dentist in private practice in Watertown, NY for two years prior to returning to Upstate in the capacity as Program Director.

From 2001 to 2021, Dr. Smith served as the Program Director for the Dental Residency here at Upstate and helped see the program through several accreditation cycles. More recently, in 2022, he assumed the role as the Interim Chief.

Over the past two decades, Dr. Smith has established himself in the Upstate community as a caring and collegial provider working diligently with the pediatric and special needs population in the OR setting to address dental needs. He continues to work closely with ENT and the Head & Neck Cancer team to address the specific dental needs of these patients within the institution. He remains one of the few dentists in the region available to address dental trauma at our hospital site. The dental residency program at Upstate continues to develop and grow with the addition of residents to the program, planned expansion of services and renovations to the clinic site.

Patrick has served in various leadership roles in the hospital and community with his progression through the Chairs of the local county dental society and his continued service as a Board Member and Membership Chair for the Fifth District Dental Society. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Smith on his transition from interim to permanent Chief of Dentistry at Upstate.

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