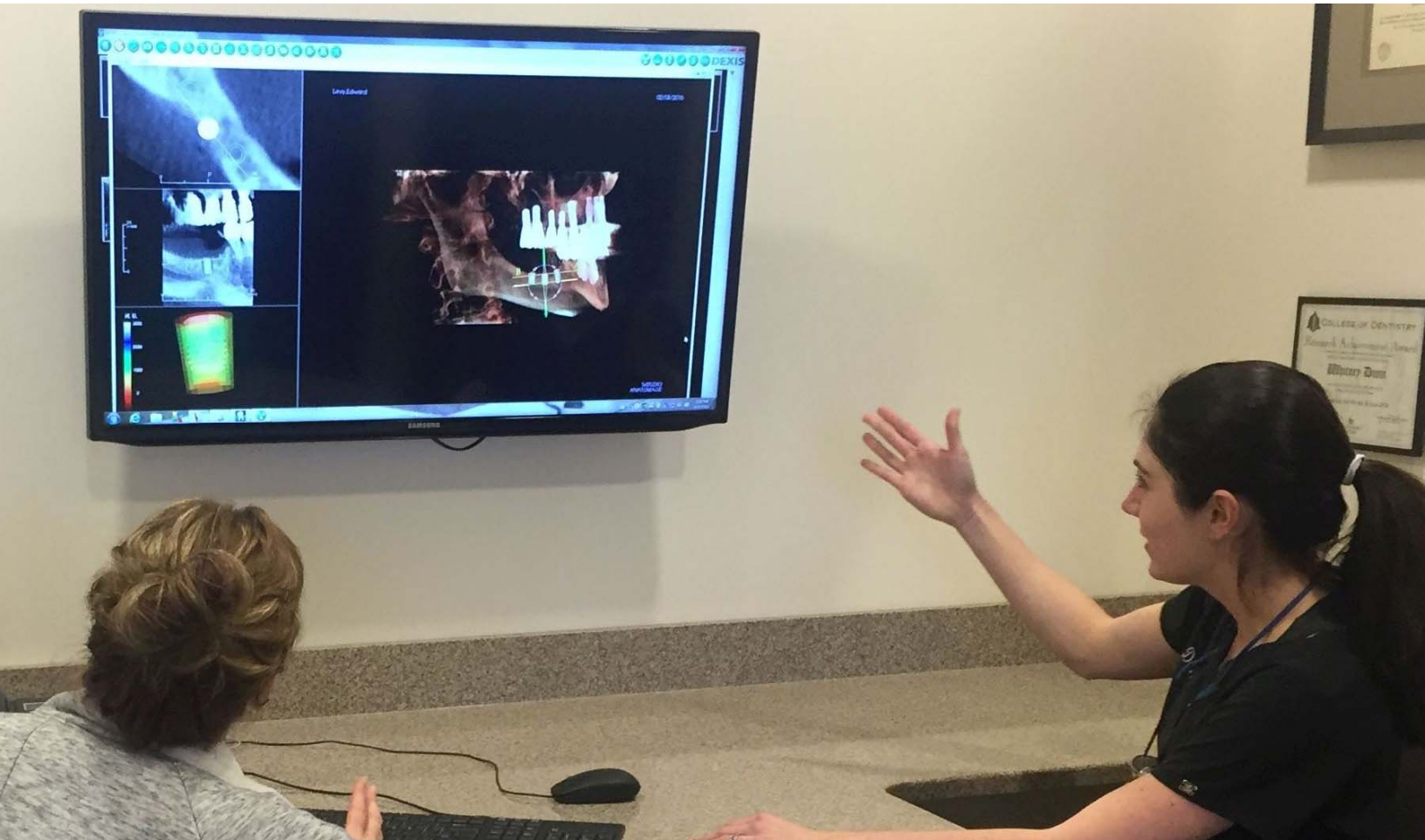


Whitney D. Weiner, DDS, MS

“WHAT WOULD YOU DO
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**A story of a relentless passion for excellence,
compassion & personal fulfillment.**

Dr. Whitney Weiner has a plaque on her desk with a quote that reads, ***"What would you do if you knew you could not fail?"*** They are words that she lives by, but as important as those words are, she likes to emphasize who gave them to her – her father. Dr. Weiner has always been surrounded by people who have shown her that the only limits in our lives are those that we set for ourselves. It is that lack of fear of the unknown that has driven Dr. Weiner to pursue a career in a demanding, male-dominated field and strive for 'excellence of care'. While many would see her work as that of a surgeon – behind a mask, cutting, drilling, suturing, and sewing, Dr. Weiner has always believed that her ultimate job is that of a caretaker.



Foundation of excellence.

Dr. Weiner grew up in an environment where she was surrounded with excellence every day – her mother is a double PhD and her father, who suffers from MS, has defied the odds ever since his diagnosis when Dr. Weiner was just two-years old – he has run marathons, climbed Mount Kilamonjaro, and proven to many that there is life after such a diagnosis.

Perhaps that's where Dr. Weiner's unique combination of technical skill and compassion as a leading periodontist comes from – growing up in a household where she got to see the technical and emotional side of brilliance converge on a daily basis to personify 'defiance' and 'courage'. That upbringing of constantly being surrounded by people that pushed themselves to reach further, find more, and stay-the-course of excellence in life has propelled Dr. Weiner along her own journey. Dr. Weiner's journey encompasses both professional and personal aspirations that inspire so many others to reach for their own dreams, just as she has reached for hers.

In the very near future, Dr. Weiner will become a partner in a periodontal practice – a dream that she's had ever since she entered dental school in 2006. While it would be easy to list off all of Dr. Weiner's accomplishments, it would make for an extremely long list of accolades that are simply the 'residue' of an incredible person. I wish to focus on the person behind all of those honors and distinctions.

About Dr. Weiner

- Hometown: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- Education
BA – Colorado College
DDS – University of Iowa College of Dentistry
MS (Specialty in Periodontics) – U of Illinois at Chicago
- Personal Passions: Traveling (been to 6 of 7 continents), Adventure (has been diving with great white sharks), Sports (avid skier who has done helicopter skiing).
- Personal Prides: Being a loving wife to Eliot and a devoted mother to Jake.
- Professional: Holds dental licenses in 3 countries (U.S., Australia & New Zealand)
- Professional Pride: Continuity of care predicated on compassionate & ethical care to build lasting patient relationships; giving back to the community through skills-based volunteering.

Effect is greater than professional identity.

Dr. Weiner is a devoted wife, a loving mother, an adventure seeker, an amazing skier, a world traveler, and yes...a talented dental surgeon. Her specialty focuses on the treatment of periodontal disease – a non-curative ailment that needs to be treated over a lifetime. Dr. Weiner strives to focus on the continuity-of-care, and emotional connection with patients – all attributes that create a specialist who believes that helping people is not just about having the best technique; it's also about creating lasting relationships of trust with her patients – it is the greatest attribute any surgeon can build with his or her patients. In her own words:

“The magic for me is when a patient comes back and gives you that smile and hug where you know you really made a difference. I truly believe that what I do makes a difference and if being a surgeon is part of that, I am proud of it.”

In a world where we are often defined by titles, positions, and salaries, Dr. Weiner inspires me because in all of our correspondence, she always focuses in on what she does to effectuate change. It is remarkable and unique as many people in surgical field view themselves first and who they help second – Dr. Weiner constantly wants to tell me why what she does is so much more important than what her academic plaques on the wall read.



Choice over sacrifice.

Dr. Weiner is so blessed to have been given the foundation, educational intellect, training, and mentorship to be a leading periodontist, but she is very quick to point out that her identity is not defined by what she does in her operatory, but rather, it is an amalgamation of professional success



and personal fulfillment that make her who she is today. She absolutely strives to be the best in her field – it is what pushes her to stay on top of the latest techniques and technology to achieve the best results for her patients. But, she views the devotion to her husband and son as paramount to who she is. Many people in demanding fields talk about sacrifice, Dr Weiner doesn't. Dr. Weiner talks about choices, and there is a very significant difference. Choice is deliberate, sacrifice is not. And that's the way Dr. Weiner lives her life. She is deliberate in every choice she makes. While most matriculate from college right into dental school, Dr. Weiner didn't.

She took a year off to explore the world – backpacking through Central America and serving as a ski instructor in Colorado. When most would have never thought about practicing in another country, Dr. Weiner did. It was her unrelenting love for her husband that took her to Australia where she practiced as a periodontist in several practices. Each step along her incredible journey, Dr. Weiner has made deliberate choices that most would have called 'impractical' or even 'crazy' - Dr. Weiner made these choices because she was not going to compromise personal fulfillment just to stay on the 'path well traveled.'

A story worth telling.

As a medical professional and writer, I strive to find stories, not resumes. Dr. Weiner stands out to me in a pool of outstanding women in surgery because she didn't send me her resume. She brought me a story about who she is, what she stands for, and who has enabled her success. There is something so compelling about somebody who has reached the pinnacle of her career, yet is so anxious to talk about all the things that supplement her career to form her personal identity. Dr. Weiner's identity is uncompromised by the 'rat race' to achieve more at all costs. Her passion for her career is remarkable, but it really is her deliberate choices in life that make her an amazing person. Dr. Weiner is not a one-sentence type of surgeon - she's thoughtful, emotive, and driven by connection. I don't know what failure would look like to Dr. Weiner and to be honest, the most inspiring part of this incredible woman is...I'm not sure she would know either. She continues to live life without a fear of failure. She pushes to be the best and the result is an incredible balance of personal and professional accomplishment. I am honored to tell her story – one full of adventure, examples of courage, and balance.

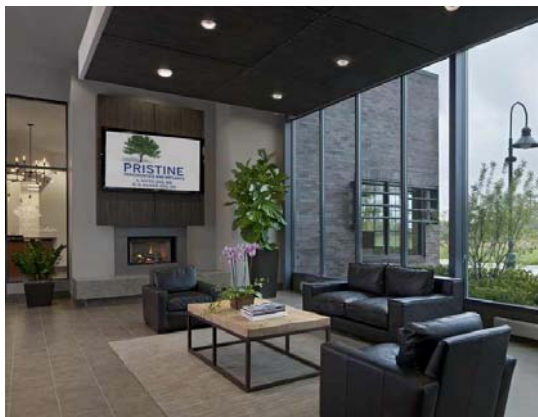
Dr. Weiner - On behalf of the many people that admire you, thank you for taking that leap-of-faith and showing us where our dreams can take us when we ignore the possibility of failure.



PRISTINE PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANTS

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Dr. Weiner recently reached a lifelong dream of becoming a partner in a periodontics practices – **Pristine Periodontics and Implants**. It is a beautiful practice that embraces nature, comfort and immaculate design for both aesthetic and functional appeal. Dr. Weiner has found in Dr. Abbey Sayed an amazing partner whom she credits with mentoring her. Dr. Weiner says, ***“Having a mentor like him is priceless – he motivates me and pushes me to strive to ‘do the best’ and ‘be the best’ every day.”***



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I have had the pleasure of telling the stories of over 160 women who have dedicated their lives to working in Medical and Dental surgical specialties. **Dr. Whitney Weiner** has been one of the most compelling young women I have encountered in this journey. She is so passionate about her craft and the quality of her work – it's her professional signature, and like all things in her life, she wants to sign her life's work with nothing short of *excellence*. She is a rising star and I hope that she keeps reaching for to extend her dreams because her potential has no limits.

All of her professional accolades and recognitions validate her professional credentials but they fall short of truly showing how amazing Dr. Weiner, the person, really is. We rarely meet people in our lives who have lack the fear to touch their dreams, and to do it on their terms. Dr. Weiner has shown me what it means to reach further when the concept of failure doesn't exist, and how to do it with grace, dignity and without compromise.

With admiration,

Jill

About



Inspiring Women in Surgery is dedicated to women who work in the male-dominated domain of Surgery. It is a medium to expose the progress of women around the world who have had the courage to 'take the road less-traveled' in a male-dominated profession. While many communities out there are limited to female surgeons, the mission of this page (and its companion Instagram account), is about showcasing the progression of ALL women who work in surgery. The goal is to tell great stories, give equal exposure regardless of title or position, & provide a voice to the pursuit of professional excellence all while balancing amazing personal lives.

This page is not about one person's mission - it is made possible by the hundreds of amazing women who have stepped forward to share their courage, determination, humility, perseverance, triumph and failures to provide a guiding light for the next generation of women who seek to explore surgical careers.

This page is also not about reciting resumes and CV's - it is about taking a person's accomplishments and bringing a balanced perspective to create a story of professional and personal achievement.

"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."

- Maya Angelou

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