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EPIC4 Specialty Partners Expands Growing Network with Two New Specialty Practice Partnerships

Jim Bowden, D.D.S. in El Paso, Texas, and Pediatric Smiles of Bloomington, Illinois, join EPIC4's doctor-led network

Scottsbluff, NE – EPIC4 Specialty Partners is proud to announce the addition of two established specialty dental practices to its growing national network: Jim Bowden, D.D.S. in El Paso, Texas, and Pediatric Smiles of Bloomington, Illinois. The new partnerships further expand EPIC4's presence in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics while bringing two strong, patient-centered practice cultures into the organization.

"These are exactly the types of practices we want to grow alongside at EPIC4," said Dr. Sami Webb, CEO of EPIC4 Specialty Partners. "Both have built strong reputations by putting patients, families and their teams first. They have distinct cultures and identities that have made them successful, and our role is to protect what makes them special while providing the resources and support to help them reach their next level of growth."

A Unique Dual-Specialty Model in El Paso

Dr. Jim Bowden brings a distinctive model to the EPIC4 network as a dual specialist in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. Dr. Bowden and his team provide both pediatric dental and orthodontic care, creating continuity for children and families throughout different stages of their dental development.

Just as notable as the practice's dual-specialty model is the strength and longevity of its team. The practice has experienced no staff turnover, with team members building long-standing relationships with patients and families. That consistency is something families regularly notice and compliment, reflecting the culture Dr. Bowden has worked to create.

"Dr. Bowden has created something truly special in El Paso," said Webb. "Combining two specialties in one practice is impressive, but what really tells the story is a team that stays and patients who genuinely enjoy being there. That speaks volumes about the culture behind the practice."

Building on a Strong Foundation in Bloomington

In Bloomington, Pediatric Smiles joins EPIC4 with a strong foundation and a clear vision for its next chapter. The pediatric dental practice is looking forward to becoming part of a broader community of like-minded specialty practices while gaining additional expertise and resources to support its team and future growth.

At the heart of the practice are Dr. Thomas Hall, DMD, and Dr. Sara Dardis, who together have spent decades caring for families throughout the Bloomington community.

Dr. Hall has been practicing pediatric dentistry in Bloomington since 1989, building relationships that now span generations. Some of the children he once treated as patients now bring their own children to Pediatric Smiles for care. For Dr. Hall, one of the most

rewarding parts of pediatric dentistry is watching a child go from feeling apprehensive about a dental visit to actually looking forward to coming back.

Dr. Dardis joined the practice in 2002 after completing her pediatric dental residency at Columbus Children's Hospital and The Ohio State University, where she earned a certificate and master's degree in pediatric dentistry. Like Dr. Hall, she values the lasting relationships that come with caring for patients and their families over the years and considers it a privilege to be part of their lives.

"Dr. Hall and Dr. Dardis have built something special in Bloomington," said Dr. Sami Webb, CEO of EPIC4 Specialty Partners. "The long-standing relationships they have with families speak volumes about the trust they've earned and the culture they've created. We are proud to welcome them and the entire Pediatric Smiles team to EPIC4."

"We look forward to becoming part of a community of like-minded dental specialists representing high-quality practices," shared Dr. Hall. "EPIC4's expert support across every aspect of a modern dental practice will be a great benefit, particularly in strengthening areas that have needed bolstering, including HR, staff training and marketing."

Growing Without Losing What Makes a Practice Special

The addition of both practices reflects EPIC4's continued commitment to partnering with established orthodontic and pediatric dental practices that want to grow while preserving their clinical autonomy, team culture and local identity.

"Growth for us isn't about making every practice look the same," Webb added. "It's about bringing exceptional doctors and teams together, learning from what each does best and giving them the support to become even stronger. Dr. Bowden's practice and Pediatric Smiles each bring something unique to EPIC4, and we are thrilled to welcome both teams to our family."

EPIC4 Specialty Partners is redefining the DSO model for orthodontic and pediatric specialists. Built by doctors for doctors, EPIC4 offers a true partnership providing strategic, operational and financial support while preserving each practice's clinical autonomy and culture. With a fast-growing network of high-performing practices nationwide, EPIC4 empowers doctors to grow intentionally, lead confidently and focus on delivering exceptional patient care.

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