

Northwestern Management Services Completes Acquisition of Dean, Israel & Associates

Acquisition adds large General and Multi-Specialty Dental Practice to Gentle Dental Group, the Leading Dental Group in South Florida

Chicago, IL (January 7, 2014) - Northwestern Management Services, LLC, a dental service organization and portfolio company of Linden Capital Partners, together with its supported dental group d/b/a Gentle Dental Group, has completed the acquisition of certain assets of Dean, Israel & Associates, a leading general and multi-specialty dental practice located in Cooper City, FL.

The addition of Dean, Israel & Associates expands Gentle Dental Group's geographic footprint in Broward County and represents the group's 25th location, making Gentle Dental the largest practice network operating exclusively in Florida. The practice's founders, Dr. Craig Dean and Dr. Elie Israel and their associate dentists will continue to perform dental services at the practice, while Northwestern Management Services will provide administrative and practice support services similar to those it provides for the existing Gentle Dental practices.

"We are very excited to welcome Dean, Israel & Associates to the Gentle Dental organization and we look forward to now being able to better serve patients in Cooper City, Davie, and surrounding areas," said Joseph Garcia, CEO of Northwestern Management Services. "We are very impressed with Dr. Dean and Dr. Israel's outstanding commitment to patient care. Their approach in providing a variety of specialties to better treat their patients is a perfect fit with Gentle Dental's full-service, affordable dentistry model." Mr. Garcia added that Northwestern Management Services, together with the Gentle Dental Group, remains interested in acquiring, developing and managing additional general and specialty dental offices in Florida.

About Northwestern Management Services

Northwestern Management Services LLC supports a network of 25 general and multi-specialty dental practices located in Southeast Florida operating under the brand name Gentle Dental. The group's dental practices provide comprehensive general, specialty and cosmetic dental care in a convenient "one-stop" format with the slogan "All Dentistry...One Place". For more information, please visit www.GentleDentalGroup.com.

About Linden Capital Partners

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