

Dr. D'Angelo Retires

To My Patients: Thank You My Dears! I love you all!

After 37 years at Clarkstown Pediatrics, I want to express how much I will miss you all. It's not an easy transition as many of you have been with me for years, trusting me with your precious children, grandchildren, and even great grandchildren. For that I am humbly grateful.

As a first generation Italian-American, I was blessed to pursue my dream and become the first doctor in my family. I have been honored with the responsibility to diagnose and treat, to be a source of solace, to lessen suffering, and to allay your fears. It's been so rewarding to serve you. I can only hope I have been able to help you in some way.

To the babies:

Thanks for showing up in your adorable little outfits. Believe me, it never went unnoticed; that's why I paraded you around the office (pre-COVID time). And thanks for your gummy, drooling smiles, even after you got vaccinated. I wish we were all as forgiving as you.

To the toddlers:

Thanks for your heartfelt attempts at pronouncing my name: "Dada D", I loved how hard you tried. And as for your feisty natures, it's OK. I'm just glad you're pint-sized.

To the Tweens:

Thanks for opening up to me when times were bad, with all that bullying and coming of age stuff, life can be hard. Don't let anyone discount your feelings. And no, it's not a normal thing to be bullied or to be a bully. Basic kindness is the key to being human, so share your feelings with those you trust. Thank you for trusting me.

To the Teenagers:

Thanks for listening to me, despite the fact that many of you were a foot taller than me. Thanks for laughing at my corny jokes (I know you were patronizing me, saw you rolling your eyes). Thanks for sharing your dreams as well as your anxieties, I know what a difficult time of life this can be. I want you to believe in yourself, be your own person, and to follow your dreams.

To the Parents, Grandparents, Caregivers:

Thanks for allowing me to be a part of the care of your precious ones. As a single parent, I appreciate how difficult it can be dealing with life's stresses. I've seen your struggles, be it single parenthood, raising special needs kids or those with mental health issues, poverty, or just every day issues of life. I admire your strength and want you to know you'll always be in my heart and thoughts. I won't forget you and hope you don't forget me.

To my own beautiful children:

I felt the mother's guilt of having to leave you in the care of others, especially when you were sick. Thank you for understanding and you are both so amazing. Mom loves you so much!



To my colleagues and co-workers: I know you won't forget me (LOL) Maria

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