# Dr. Ryan Lee, DDS Launches Survivor Smiles for Cancer Patients at Four Offices

*Practice serves cancer survivors with reconstruction after radiation, dental implants for irradiated jaws, and MRONJ management. 40 percent survivor discount.*


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NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- NEW YORK, NY, September 9, 2026 -- Survivor Smiles, a dental oncology practice founded by Ryan S. Lee, DDS, has launched with offices in New York, NY, Plainville, MA, Riverside, RI, and Redding, CT, focused entirely on the dental needs of cancer patients and survivors. The practice provides specialty services rarely available in general dentistry, including reconstruction after head and neck radiation, dental implants for irradiated jaws, management of medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ), and preventive protocols for xerostomia and radiation caries.

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Dental oncology is a subspecialty that most cities in the United States lack entirely. Cancer patients often complete treatment successfully only to discover that radiation, chemotherapy, and bone-modifying medications have left long-term effects on their teeth, jawbone, salivary glands, and oral tissues. General dentists are rarely trained to manage these complications, and survivors frequently report being told that dental reconstruction is not possible, or that dental care must be avoided altogether during and after cancer treatment.

Survivor Smiles was founded to close that gap. Dr. Lee is a Northwestern University-trained dental oncologist with clinical experience at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. His clinical focus is on treatment planning that accounts for a patient's complete cancer history, including radiation dose maps, chemotherapy protocols, and any bone-modifying drug exposure. The practice coordinates directly with oncology teams to time procedures around active treatment and to communicate findings that may inform ongoing cancer care.




"Cancer survivors have often been told that dental reconstruction is not possible for them, or that dental care must be avoided altogether," said Dr. Lee. "In most cases that is not the current standard of care. Modern dental oncology offers real answers, and Survivor Smiles was built to provide them."

The practice offers a 40 percent discount to cancer survivors and coordinates both medical and dental insurance benefits, since many cancer-related dental procedures qualify for medical coverage that patients do not realize is available. Out-of-pocket costs typically fall to approximately 60 percent of standard fees. Survivor Smiles also accommodates traveling patients through video consultation, staged treatment planning, and coordination with local dental teams for follow-up care between visits.

Dr. Lee's work in dental oncology has been featured by the American Dental Association, Cancer Today magazine, Becker's Dental + DSO Review, and Northwestern Magazine. He recently discussed dental care for bone marrow transplant survivors on the Marrow Masters podcast produced by the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, and participated in a September 2026 webinar hosted by Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC).

Consultations are available at all four Survivor Smiles offices and by video for patients traveling from other regions. More information about services and the patient care process is available at survivorsmiles.org.

About Survivor Smiles

Survivor Smiles is a dental oncology practice founded by Ryan S. Lee, DDS, focused exclusively on the dental care of cancer patients and survivors. Services include reconstruction after cancer treatment, dental implants for irradiated patients, management of oral complications from chemotherapy and radiation, and preventive care for long-term survivors. The practice operates offices in New York, NY, Plainville, MA, Riverside, RI, and Redding, CT, and offers a 40 percent

discount for cancer survivors. More information is available at survivorsmiles.org.

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