

Dr. Michael Pignato was born and raised in Penfield, New York and has been a lifelong resident of the Rochester area. In 1970 he graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School and attended Niagara University, where he received his BS in Biology in 1974. He spent one year in Pharmacy School at St. John's University in Queens, New York, after which he was accepted into a 3-year dental program at NYU School of Dentistry starting in the Fall of 1975.

Following graduation from NYU he entered a General Practice Residency at the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester in 1978. One year later, he purchased a practice in Penfield and started his career in private dentistry. Dr. Pignato practiced dentistry in Penfield for over 30 years, then moved to Farmington for 5 years. Currently, he runs a small practice in Webster.

Volunteerism is one of Dr. Pignato's passions. His love for helping others has allowed him to travel both domestically and abroad to provide underserved populations with dental care. In 2005 he began traveling to Nicaragua with a local church group to volunteer at a dental clinic and has subsequently been back two more times. In 2009 he joined the World Health Organization to volunteer in the dental clinic at St. Jude's Hospital in Vieux Forte, St. Lucia. There, Dr. Pignato made close relationships with other health care professionals on the island and has since made three more trips back.

In 2013 he became involved with Remote Area Medical Services, a non-profit organization that provides health clinics in the South's underserved areas. Each year, Dr. Pignato makes 3 or 4 trips to volunteer at different locations in Tennessee and Virginia.

Dr. Pignato is grateful for the lasting connections he has made with his patients, staff and fellow dentists over the course of his profession. Dr. Pignato has been supported by his wife of 39 years, Diane. Together they have a daughter, Alyssa, who lives in Buffalo with her husband Vince.