Lynn Pierri, DDS, MS, was a speaker at the SimPlant® Academy World Conference held during June in Monterey, Calif. Here, she answers questions for Implant Tribune:

Can you tell me about your background?
I am a board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who received my surgical training at NYU-Bellevue Hospital Center in Manhattan, New York. Following completion of my residency, I went to Edinburgh, Scotland for a surgical fellowship before coming back to the States to open up my solo private practice of 22 years. My undergraduate dental degree was obtained at the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, where I was the only female in my class! Prior to that, I received a certificate from Dental Laboratory Technology School in preparation for dental school and had received a dual master’s of science in microbiology with permanent New York State teaching certification in education. My bachelor’s degree is from the State University of New York at Stony Brook with dual certification in medical technology.

Is your practice solely implant dentistry?
My favorite niche of oral and maxillofacial surgery is implant dentistry. More than 20 years ago, I saw it emerging for what it is: a driving force in our profession, and not just a passing fancy.

How long have you been performing implant dentistry and what systems do you use?
The month I graduated my residency is the same month the first implant was placed in NYU dental school in 1985. As I looked on, my chief-of-service performed that case, and I remember saying to myself, “This is going to be something special.” I took the Bränemark certification course in Washington, D.C., and the rest is history. I took every course I could get my hands on, both surgically and prosthetically. My first implant case, eight implants in the maxilla and six implants in the mandible, is still in the patient’s mouth today, a tribute to implant dentistry. I have tried various systems during the past 20 years, but have settled into Straumann, Nobel Biocare, Astra Tech and BIOMET 3i, depending on the indication of the site and available bone; as well as Sterngold and Dentatus for provisional intermediate implants.

What do you think is unique about your practice?
I have embraced the latest technology and have tried to incorporate it to improve the end result. All my future implant patients get everything by the book, hence our tagline “Caring Without Compromise”™.

About the doctor
For more than 50 years, Dr. Lynn Pierri has fulfilled numerous academic and clinical appointments, co-authored six publications, maintained memberships in several professional societies and attended nearly two dozen continuing education courses on topics ranging from medical risk assessment to surgical orthodontics to osseointegrated implants. Pierri also has received honors and awards from a number of organizations for her academic strides and her service to the community.