

Meet Dr. Maria Calcina Pediatric Dentist, D.D.S



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Dr. Maria Calcina was born in Tientsin, China from a Japanese mother and an Italian father. She immigrated to Venezuela after living in Tientsin, Hong Kong, and in Sicily (Italy). At the young age of 11, as a consequence of a horrible toothache, she decided to become a dentist. She studied dentistry at the Universidad Central de Venezuela in Caracas, Venezuela, where she obtained her dental degree.

She was always interested in pediatric dentistry, so she decided to pursue her postgraduate degree in pediatric dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry. During this time, she also attended rotations at the Beekman, Bellevue and Beth Israel Hospitals located in Lower Manhattan, NY.

In 1985, after completing her postgraduate degree, Dr. Calcina returned to Venezuela where she continued working at her own practice. Simultaneously, she taught at the postgraduate

program of pediatric dentistry at the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Dr. Calcina is also a cancer survivor. After winning her battle with endometrial cancer, she decided to pursue her licensure in the United States. She was fortunate to work at the Dental Department in Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY, and to teach at the University of Maryland College of Dentistry in Baltimore, MD.

In 2007, in search of warmer weather, Dr. Calcina relocated to Houston, Texas and pursued her license in the Lone Star State. In 2008, and after winning her battle with breast cancer, Dr. Calcina decided to open her practice in Katy, Texas.

Dr. Calcina is fluent in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Italian. Besides enjoying her profession, she also enjoys cooking, listening to classical music, swimming, and spending time with her grandchildren.

