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### MARYANNE BUTLER

**AGE:** 39 **CITY:** Denver **SPECIALTY:** Periodontics

**NAME OF PRACTICES:** Periodontics of Cherry Creek; Mountainview Periodontics

**EDUCATION:** DDS, Baylor College of Dentistry; periodontal training and master's degree in oral biology, LSU-New Orleans

**WHY SHE WAS NOMINATED:** Dr. Butler knows that all the training in the world might not help her win over a frightened patient, but she loves the challenge. "If I do a good job educating patients about what they need and why they need it, we can walk them through even an uncomfortable and scary procedure."

**INSPIRATION:** While in nursing school, Dr. Butler realized she wanted to be an involved mother and wife. "My dad is a periodontist, and I remember how present he was in our lives. So I chose dentistry and gravitated toward surgery." Dr. Butler and her husband now have twin 5-year-old girls and a 3-year-old son.

**FAVORITE ASPECT OF DENTISTRY:** "The huge oral-health and systemic-health link."

**PHILOSOPHY:** Dr. Butler says her first three years at her practice taught her that if she sticks with the basics of treatment planning and periodontal diagnosis, her work will stand up. "But there's a place for new techniques," she says. "A good practice incorporates both."

**EXCITING NEW TREND:** LANAP treatment for periodontal and perio-implant disease. "It's a great alternative to traditional bone surgery."

**TOOL SHE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:** Nd-YAG laser for LANAP, and her periodontal probe.

**ADVICE TO ASPIRING DENTISTS:** "Be authentic, be approachable, be honest, be good and be you."

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