

To Dr. Lee N. Sheldon: TEN THINGS I LIKE ABOUT YOU

#1. I LIKE YOU. I like the way you care about each individual patient. I like your meticulous attention to every detail, right up to and including your toasty American flag blankets.

#2. I LIKE YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR. You take great joy in the good work you do. You share that joy with others. I like that.

#3. I LIKE YOUR RECEPTIONIST, Debi. She is a true patient advocate...always kind, considerate, caring, and ready to defend her charges with the love of a true mother. Yes, I really like Debi.

#4. I LIKE YOUR STAFF. You obviously choose to surround yourself with workers who think of you as their role model. I like the kindness they show to patients like me. I especially like your lovely hygienist, Lilia. She is truly a gift from Russia.

#5. I LIKE YOUR RECEPTION AREA. The uplifting books, magazines, and articles are truly chicken soup for the patient's soul.

#6. I LIKE THAT YOU CALL ME. Thank you for calling me on the day of my surgery just to see how I was feeling. You made me feel cared for.

#7. I LIKE MY HEALTHY TEETH. I know this should be closer to the top of the list, but know that this is, and will continue to be, of the ultimate importance to me.

#8. I LIKE THAT YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. Not only do you listen to my thoughts and concerns about what I think are the correct courses of treatment for me; but also you actually *hear* what I have to say!

#9. I LIKE THE WAY YOUR PEERS SHARE THEIR RESPECT FOR YOU. You are more than a doctor; you are a teacher, a role model, and a mentor. I really like that a lot.

#10. I LOVE THE ROSES. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Rona Stearns
Your Faithful Patient