



**Jose Francisco Barros, DDS**, is a local dentist specializing in endodontics. He has practiced in area for almost 30 years first as a general dentist and more recently as an endodontist. Upon graduation from dental program at Emory University in Atlanta in 1987, Joe followed his family who had already moved to Miami and began his private dental practice.

Born in Spain after his parents left Cuba in 1961, the Barros family immigrated to United States and settled in Jacksonville Florida. Joe grew up on the north Florida beaches and along the St Johns River where he learned to appreciate the natural environment that makes Florida unique. As a young boy fishing and hiking through the woods he learned the local fish, snakes, and birds. As a boy scout he continued his love and knowledge of the environment hiking and camping in the many forest communities in the area. Joe attended the University of Florida where he continued his studies of the environment and received his Bachelor's degree in Zoology. Continuing his education, he then attended Emory University where he received his dental degree. He returned to school obtaining a certificate in the specialty of endodontics from Nova Southeastern University.

In Miami, he followed his love of the environment and joined Tropical Audubon Society where he met great friends within the TAS family. He joined the Board in 1992 and became president of the board in 2002. Over the years Joe has run the Native Plant Sales, lead bird and plant walks and he has represented Tropical Audubon Society at numerous functions. As president, TAS has been a leader in conservation in south Florida and has been instrumental in the protection of Biscayne Bay, holding the Urban Development line, and supporting the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

Joe is also active in his profession serving as president of the West Dade Dental Society in 2007 He served as an adjunct professor at the Nova Southeastern University School of dentistry and has taught clinical and didactic courses since completing the endodontic specialty program in 1999. He recently has participated in the international endodontic surgical externships traveling with the endodontic residents to Peru and Columbia. He was recognized by the South Florida District Dental Society in 2002 with the Project Dentist Care Leadership Award. More recently the Urban Environment League recognized Joe's leadership in the community with the Salley Jude Orchid Award. Joe is married to Helen Torres for 25 years. They both enjoy family, friends, music, live concerts, traveling and birding together sometimes bringing them all together possible.