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To whom it may concern,

Subject: Endorsement and High Recommendation for Jennifer Cicci, RDH, Speaker and Educator

It is with immense pleasure and without reservation that I highly recommend Jennifer Cicci, RDH, as a speaker and educator for professional audiences, particularly those in dental hygiene and dentistry. Ms. Cicci recently presented to our 3rd and 4th-Year Dental Hygiene Students, and her session was, simply put, transformative and highly impactful.

The presentation focused on the critical and timely topic of HPV-Related Head and Neck Cancer, meticulously covering the dental hygienist's essential role in soft tissue assessment, identifying at-risk patients, and managing the debilitating oral side effects of chemotherapy and radiation.

What sets Ms. Cicci apart is the unique fusion of her clinical expertise as a Registered Dental Hygienist and her deeply personal journey as a Stage 4 tonsillar cancer survivor. This combination delivers a presentation that is not just educational, but profoundly moving and practical. Ms. Cicci also provided practical, actionable tips for enhanced patient assessment, patient education related to HPV and head/neck cancer, and specific product knowledge and management strategies that the students can immediately integrate into their clinical practice.

Ms. Cicci's delivery was exceptionally engaging and passionate, capturing the attention of our dental hygiene students and reinforcing the importance of thorough intra- and extra-oral examinations. By sharing her experience from both the provider and patient perspective, she instilled a heightened sense of urgency and empathy regarding early detection and supportive care for oncology patients. The feedback from our students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many citing her session as one of the most memorable and important lectures of their program.

Jennifer Cicci, RDH, is an extraordinary speaker who brings authenticity, clinical depth, and practical knowledge to a critical public health issue. She is a powerful advocate for the profession and for her patients. Any educational program seeking a compelling, high-impact speaker on head and neck cancer, patient assessment, or supportive oncology care would benefit immensely from her presentation.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further details.

Sincerely,

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