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Dear Patient,

We continually look for technological advances to ensure that we are delivering the highest level in patient care to you. We are particularly concerned about oral cancer, which too often is only found in the later stages of development. 25% of oral cancer victims have no predisposing risk factors. Oral cancer is a growing problem and is most common among patients' age 40 and older and tobacco users.

We have recently evaluated a new medical technology, ViziLite, and found that using it, after our standard oral cancer examination, which is a component of every comprehensive dental exam, improves our ability to identify, evaluate and monitor suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Proven technologies such as Mammogram, Pap Smear and Colonoscopy offer similar types of proactive screenings. This easy and painless examination gives us the best chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at the earliest possible stage. As with most cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Tobacco and alcohol use are other major predisposing risk factors but **more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no such lifestyle risk factors**. Studies also suggest that human papillomavirus (HPV 16/18) plays a role in more than 20% of oral cancer cases. ViziLite is the only FDA-cleared device for the identification and monitoring of oral abnormalities that could lead to cancer.

We have incorporated the ViziLite exam into the standard of care in our practice, to ensure that you receive the most comprehensive examination possible. The exam will be offered to you, at a minimum, once a year and may not be covered by your insurance. The American Dental Association, with procedure code D0431, recognizes ViziLite. Our fee for this enhanced, separate exam is \$70.00. Declining this service will in no way affect the comprehensive dental care you are entitled to receive.

- Yes. I authorize _____ to use ViziLite along with the standard oral cancer examination. I accept financial responsibility for this enhanced examination.
- No. I would prefer not to have the ViziLite examination at this time.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____