Dr. Durso & Associates

Dear Patient,

We would like to introduce you to a new form of technology in our practice that allows us to conduct an even more thorough oral health examination. It is called ***VELscope***, and it is a screening device that allows us to screen for a wide variety of things, including inflammation, infections, and even cancerous and precancerous lesions. The most important reason for this screening is the fact that oral cancer is more prevalent than people realize. It strikes over three times as many people as cervical cancer.

The good news is that if oral cancer is detected in its early stages, the five year survival rate is 80% or higher. If it is detected in its late stages, however, the survival rate declines to 20%.

Fortunately, the odds are that you do not have oral cancer, but this screening helps us, as well as you, to be sure. The ***Velscope*** enhances our normal exam because it allows us to see things we have not been able to see before. So if we see something that concerns us, there is a much better chance that we will catch it at an earlier stage. The scan is comfortable, totally pain free, and only adds two minutes to our regular exam.

If you have any questions concerning this procedure, please feel free to address myself or one of my staff members about your concerns. Remember our goal is to provide you with the best oral and physical health possible. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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