

## Biography

Eva's career as a Master Storyteller and performance artist provides her the skills to communicate her experience as a survivor in a unique and powerful way. Her passion to save lives by publicly telling her intimate and dramatic story was fueled by her experience as a featured speaker at the 2003 ADA Annual Session. Eva speaks worldwide at dental meetings, healthcare association conferences and cancer centers.

A champion for early detection, Eva founded an oral cancer awareness campaign, Six-Step Screening™, for which she was recognized by the American Academy of Oral Medicine and given honorary membership.

Eva celebrated her 10 year cancer-free anniversary by authoring 'You Are Not Alone: Families Touched By Cancer,' the first book in the Talk4Hope series.

## What Clinicians Are Saying



*"The human nature component of Eva's lecture offers dental professionals a unique window into the patient experience."*

**Allan Hovan, DMD**  
British Columbia Cancer Agency

*"During my thirty years attending dental conferences, I have never heard a more powerful message."*

**Donna Sisitsky, RDH**  
Washington DC

*"I am a better clinician because of Eva's story."*

**Jenna Hebert, RDH**  
Boston MA

*"Eva's experience is a personal reminder about the value of working as hard and as smart as possible every day."*

**Doug Peterson, DMD, Ph.D**  
University of Connecticut Health Center, School of Dental Medicine

*"Eva Grayzel was one of the best speakers I've ever heard at a dental meeting...a real eye-opener!"*

**Francis X. Barra, DDS**  
Bassett Healthcare Network

*"Eva utilizes her delayed diagnosis to benefit and instruct dental professionals. Her candid disclosure was absolutely humbling and should be mandatory CE."*

**Andy Gilbert, DMD, MAJ, US Army Dental Corps**  
Schofield Barracks, HI

## Tongue Tied:

### A Story NOT Silenced by Oral Cancer

Thirteen years ago, she planned her funeral. At age 33, Eva Grayzel, a nationally recognized interactive performance artist, was diagnosed with late-stage oral cancer and told she had a 15 percent chance of survival. A non-smoker, she was bounced among dental professionals while the ulcer on her tongue grew more prominent and painful. You will laugh, cry, and broaden your understanding of life's possibilities as Eva shares riveting details about her delayed diagnosis and how she found the strength to persevere through the devastating effects of radical surgery and radiation.

Turning adversity into opportunity, Eva illuminates how survivorship initiated her work as an activist and advocate for early detection. Eva's eloquent and engaging speaking style transports dental professionals into the oral cancer patient's mind and soul. You don't just hear a story, you experience it.

## Objectives

- Save lives through early detection
- Transform your approach to patient care
- Integrate thorough screenings with patient education
- Motivate passion and purpose in your work

In contrast to the clinical perspective at educational conferences, Eva humanizes oral cancer with her compelling narrative, inspiring the audience both professionally and personally.

## Recent Dental Lectures

- Yankee Dental Congress  
Boston MA
- American Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Session  
Las Vegas, NV
- Hellenic Association for Supportive Care of the Oral Cavity in Cancer, Athens, Greece
- Arkansas State Dental Association Annual Session  
Little Rock, AR
- American Academy of Oral Medicine  
San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Tufts 5th Annual Oral Cancer Symposium  
Boston, MA
- Nation's Capital Dental Meeting  
Washington, DC
- Swiss Dental Hygienists Annual Conference  
St. Gallen, Switzerland