

## 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. After getting a second chance at life, Eva was motivated to tell her intimate and dramatic story publicly to raise awareness and save lives. Eva speaks worldwide at healthcare association conferences, dental, medical and nursing meetings.

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



*'Eva's story and recovery are epic – she changes your life with her words. I'm empowered with her perspective on philanthropy, parenting and work/life balance.'*

**Michelle Giletto, Director of Development, St Lukes Hospital**

*"Eva Grayzel delivers a powerful wake-up call for healthcare providers through the riveting story of her own survival from cancer against all odds.*

*She offers magnificent inspiration for patients and healthcare workers alike."*

**Daniel L. Kopp, M.D., Chief Medical Officer  
Faxton St. Luke's Regional Cancer Center**

*"I was moved beyond words. You addressed sensitive yet critical palliative care points for people with cancer."*

**Christine Hansen, CRNP, ACHPN, Palliative Care Nurse  
Grand View Hospital**

*"You offered phenomenal insight into the challenge of living with cancer versus the alternative of dying from cancer."*

**Anonymous, RN  
Mayo Clinic**

*"... charming, captivating....brought tears to my eyes."*

**David Rosenthal, M.D.  
MD Anderson Cancer Center**

## 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 healthcare 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 healthcare professionals into the patient's experience of cancer. You don't just hear a story, you experience it.

## Objectives

- Save lives through early detection
- Transform your approach to patient care
- Motivate passion and purpose in your work

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

## Recent Lectures

- Dana-Farber Cancer Institute  
Boston MA
- Society of Otorhinolaryngology and Head-Neck Nurses  
Chicago IL
- British Columbia Cancer Agency  
Vancouver BC
- Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer  
San Juan PR
- American Cancer Society Annual Survivorship Celebration  
Pittsburgh PA
- Tripler Army Medical Center  
Honolulu HI
- Hellenic Association of Support of the Oral Cavity in Cancer  
Athens Greece
- Stanford Cancer Center  
Palo Alto CA