



RACHEL PASSARELLA, MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Family Nurse Practitioner • Oral Cancer Survivor • Nationally Featured Patient Advocate & Speaker

From Provider to Patient: A Story of Persistence, Early Detection, and Advocacy

Rachel Passarella is a Family Nurse Practitioner and oral cancer survivor who offers a rare dual perspective as both healthcare provider and patient. After a six-month journey to obtain a definitive diagnosis of tongue cancer, Rachel gained firsthand insight into the challenges patients face while navigating the healthcare system. Her experience reinforced the importance of early detection, patient advocacy, clinical vigilance, and compassionate care. Today, Rachel educates healthcare professionals, organizations, and communities about oral cancer awareness, diagnostic challenges, survivorship, and the human side of healthcare.

Featured Nationally

Rachel's oral cancer journey and advocacy efforts have been featured by major national and international media outlets including **People.com, Newsweek, New York Post, and UNILAD.**

- ✓ Family Nurse Practitioner diagnosed with tongue cancer
- ✓ Six-month journey to diagnosis despite seeking care
- ✓ Unique perspective as both clinician and survivor
- ✓ National media coverage of her advocacy and story

Signature Presentations

- The Day I Became the Patient
- Six Months to a Diagnosis: Lessons from a Delayed Cancer Diagnosis
- Early Detection Saves Lives: My Oral Cancer Journey
- What Cancer Taught Me About Healthcare
- The Power of Patient Advocacy

Ideal Audiences

Nurse Practitioner Conferences • Nursing Conferences • Dental Conferences • Oral Cancer Awareness Organizations
• Hospital Systems • Healthcare Leadership Events • Continuing Education Programs • Healthcare Companies •
Podcasts • Media Interviews

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