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Dear Fellow Patients:

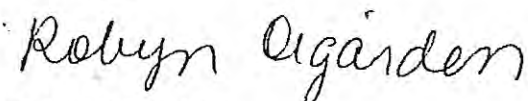
Approximately five years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I decided to have both breasts surgically removed, even though only one breast was cancerous. I was asked if I would like to have a consult with a plastic surgeon. Prior to this diagnosis, my only contact with plastic surgery was by watching programs on television. I decided to go to the consult, but I had made up my mind before going that I would not have any permanent reconstruction.

On a Thursday afternoon, one day before my 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday, I arrived for the consult with Dr. Orlando Cicilioni. I had already been scheduled for the bilateral mastectomy on the following Monday morning. I told Dr. Cicilioni that I wasn't really interested in reconstruction. He asked if I was aware of the different options available for breast cancer patients. Dr. Cicilioni sat with me and explained each procedure in depth, until all of my questions had been answered. By the end of the consult, I decided to get saline implants. Dr. Cicilioni said he wasn't busy on that Monday and would perform phase one of my reconstruction. It wasn't until years later that I found out he had to rearrange his entire surgical schedule to be with me that day.

Shortly after my cancer diagnosis, I joined a breast cancer support group at a local hospital. Some of the women are newly diagnosed, and some are "veterans". We are all breast cancer survivors, but each woman's situation is unique. I began to meet a lot of different women, all of whom had lots of questions, particularly regarding reconstruction techniques. I asked Dr. Cicilioni if he would give a presentation to our group. He generously agreed to come and speak. The audience was very appreciative of the information he provided. Many of these women are now undergoing reconstruction, even some who had put it off for years.

Dr. Orlando Cicilioni is not only a skilled plastic surgeon, but a caring and compassionate person. He has been given a gift and uses it selflessly each and every day to help others, not just cancer patients. I have remained in the cancer support group hoping to guide someone else through the journey inspired by the way Dr. Cicilioni guided me.

Sincerely,



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