***Sample –* Letter to General Dentist**

**Dear < name of general dentist >,**

I am writing you on a matter of urgency regarding a mutual patient, <patient name>. Our office was contacted by <patient name>’s physician to perform a series of tests to determine whether any oral health risk factors are contributing to <patient name> systemic health risk factors.

Recently, pathogen testing revealed that <he/she> has a high concentration of one or more high-risk periodontal pathogens, indicating an increased risk for attachment loss and severe periodontal disease.

We have asked <Mr./Mrs./Ms.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_> to schedule an appointment in your office as soon as possible. Enclosed is documentation of the case, including a copy of <his/her> pathogen test results and patient release form. I would recommend non-surgical periodontal therapy (D4341 or D4342) as treatment for <patient name>’s periodontal disease. We will do a follow up salivary diagnostic test 8 weeks after the suggested periodontal therapy.

If for some reason it is not possible to provide the treatment at this time, please notify us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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