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Dear Dental Professional:

Thank you for your interest in utilizing this curriculum. It has been designed to assist with instruction related to dental waste handling. The lessons are intended to be delivered by an instructor in the classroom, but upon invitation, I will be happy to present the information as a guest speaker.

The curriculum is divided into two parts. Each can be presented in about one hour. Each part contains the following:

- Instructor sheets, which can be used as a script for the visual aids.
- Student sheets for guided note taking.
- Visual aids, including a choice of overheads or floppy disks for a PowerPoint electronic presentation.

Handouts are located in a separate section and pertain to both lessons. The teaching method known as the "five E's"- engage, explore, explain, elaborate/extend, and evaluate- was utilized and is noted on the instructor sheets.

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Please feel free to contact me at 800-578-8898 or 316-722-7721, ext. 254, with questions or concerns related to this project.

Sincerely,

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