

Adjunctive Oral Cancer Screening Acceptance Form

Our practice continually strives to provide important enhancements in oral health care for our patients. We are concerned about oral cancer and look for it in all at risk patients.

One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the United States.

Late detection of oral cancer is the primary reason that mortality rates are so dismal. As with most other cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Though tobacco use is a major predisposing risk factor, **25% of oral cancer victims have no lifestyle risk factors.**

Oral Cancer Risk profile

Increased Risk

- ~ Patients age 40 and older (95% of all cases)
- ~ 18-39 years of age combined with any of the following:
 - ~ Tobacco use
 - ~ Chronic alcohol consumption
 - ~ Oral HPV infection

Highest Risk

- ~Patients age 65 and older with lifestyle risk factors
- ~Patients with history of oral cancer

~25% of oral cancers occur in people who don't smoke and have no other risk factors.

We find that the VELscope along with a visual oral cancer examination improves our ability to identify suspicious areas that may have been missed during the conventional examination. Early detection of precancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. VELscope is a painless exam that gives us a better chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at an oral stage.

Dental insurance might not cover the VELscope exam. However, this office is happy to verify your coverage for you and will also provide you with a medical insurance form for you to use to file this procedure with your medical insurance.

Yes. I authorize the clinician to perform the VELscope exam along with the standard oral cancer examination. I accept financial responsibility for this enhanced examination.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

No. I would prefer not to have the VELscope exam at this time.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____