

Oral Cancer Screening Restorative Dental

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Annual screenings are critical when it comes to detecting oral cancer.

What to look for:

- ❖ A sore or lesion in the mouth that does not heal within two weeks
- ❖ A lump or thickening in the cheek
- ❖ A white or red patch on the gums, tongue, tonsils, or lining of the mouth
- ❖ A sore throat or a feeling that something is caught in the throat
- ❖ Difficulty chewing or swallowing
- ❖ Difficulty moving the jaw or tongue,
- ❖ A numbness of the tongue or other area of the mouth
- ❖ Swelling of the jaw that causes dentures to fit poorly

The number of Americans developing oral cancer is three times more than the number who develop cervical cancer. Sadly, one North American dies of oral cancer every hour of every day.

Velescope System is used as an aid in the early detection of mucosal abnormalities. Use of this natural tissue fluorescence will detect and manage oral soft tissue conditions. This system helps us to perform a more comprehensive examination. Early detection impacts disease mortality and facilitates minimally invasive treatment procedures. Unfortunately, there is a five-year survival rate with little improvement over the past 30 years, mainly because a significant proportion of cancers are being diagnosed late (Stage III and IV). Velescope provides the potential to include cancer screening and detection of oral cancer in its early stages.

We highly recommend this procedure for patients who use tobacco in any form or have any family history of cancer. The fee for this service is \$19.00 This is worth the time and investment, especially if an early stage cancerous lesion is found.

Please indicate whether you Agree or Refuse to be screened for Oral Cancer.

Circle One: AGREE | REFUSE

Signature and Date