

Oral Screening Consent Form

Our Practice continually looks for advances to ensure that we are providing the optimum level of oral health care to our patients. We are concerned about oral cancer and look for it in every patient.

One American dies every hour from oral cancer. Late detection of oral cancer is the primary cause that both the incidence and mortality rates of oral cancer continue to increase. As with most cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Tobacco and alcohol use are other major predisposing risk factors, but more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no such lifestyle with using these risk factors. Oral cancer risk factors are as follows:

Increased risk: patients ages 17-39

-sexually active patients (HPV)

High risk: patients age 40 and older; tobacco uses (any age, any type within 10 years)

Highest risk: patients age 40 and older with lifestyles consisting of using tobacco and/or alcohol

We have recently incorporated the Oral ID into our oral screening exam. We find that using the Oral ID during the oral cancer examination improves our ability to identify suspicious areas at their earliest stages. The goal is NOT to find cancer. The objective is to find abnormalities BEFORE they progress to cancer. Oral ID is similar to early detection procedures for other cancers such as mammography, Pap smear, and PSA (used in prostate examinations). This examination is recommended once every 1-2 years.

This advanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association; however, this exam might not be covered by your dental benefit plan. The fee for this advanced examination is only: \$20.

Yes. I authorize the clinician to perform oral cancer detection with the use of the Oral ID. I accept financial responsibility for this examination.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

No. I would prefer **not** to have the Oral ID used at this time. I do however understand the benefits of using this during my examination

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____