

ORAL CANCER SCREENING

In our continuing efforts to provide the most advanced technology & the highest quality care available to our patients, this practice is proud to announce the inclusion of the ViziLite Plus exam as an integral part of our annual comprehensive oral cancer screening program.

One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the United States – and the mortality has remained unchanged for more than 40 years. Alarming, more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no lifestyle risk factors. Clinical studies have determined that using ViziLite after the standard oral cancer examination improves the Dentist's ability to identify, evaluate & monitor suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Early detection of pre-cancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer & possibly save your life. Proven screening technologies such as mammogram, Pap smear, PSA & colonoscopy offer the same types of early detection of cancer. ViziLite Plus is an easy & painless examination that gives the Dentist the best chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at the earliest possible stage.

This technology is the only medical device cleared by the FDA for the identification & monitoring of oral abnormalities that could lead to cancer.

Oral cancer risk by patient profile:

Increased risk:	Patients ages 18-39
High Risk:	Patients 40+; tobacco users (<i>any age type within 10 years</i>)
Highest Risk:	Patients 40+ with lifestyle risk factors (<i>tobacco and/or alcohol use, previous history of oral cancer</i>)

Dental insurance might not cover this advanced oral cancer screening as an addition to the standard visual examination. This practice prescribes the ViziLite Plus exam for all patients at increased risk but especially those at high & highest risk for oral cancer. We will be performing the ViziLite Plus exam following the standard oral cancer examination of the oral cavity for \$85.00.

ORAL CANCER SCREENING CONSENT FORM

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

Late detection of oral cancer is the primary cause that both incidence & mortality rates of oral cancer continue to increase. As with most cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Tobacco & alcohol use are other major predisposing risk factors but more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no such lifestyle risk factors.

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We have recently incorporated ViziLite Plus into our oral screening standard of care. We find that using ViziLite plus along with a standard oral cancer examination improves the ability to identify suspicious areas at their earliest stages. ViziLite Plus is a simple & painless examination that gives the best chance to find any oral abnormalities at the earliest possible stage. Early detection of precancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer & possible save your life. The ViziLite plus exam will be offered to you annually.

This enhanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association code revision committee as CDT-5 procedure code D0431; however, this exam may not be covered by your insurance. The fee for this enhanced examination is \$85.00.

YES. I authorize the Dentist to perform the ViziLite Plus exam along with the standard oral cancer examination. I accept financial responsibility for this enhanced examination.

Signature ----- Date -----

Printed Name -----

NO. I would prefer not to have the ViziLite Plus exam at this time. I understand the risks & benefits.

Signature ----- Date -----

Printed Name -----