



Oral Screening Consent Form

Here at Memorial Dentist we are continuously looking for advances to ensure that we provide the optimum level of oral health care to our patients.

One American dies every hour from oral cancer. Late detection of oral cancer is the primary reason 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. Studies also suggest that human papilloma virus (HPV 16/18) plays a role in more than 29% of oral cancer cases. Oral cancer risk by patient profile is as follows:

- **Increased Risk:** Sexually active patients age 18-39 (HPV 16/18).
- **High Risk:** Patients age 40 and older; tobacco user, age 18-39, any type within 10 years.
- **Highest Risk:** Patients age 40 and older with lifestyle risk factors (tobacco and/or alcohol use); previous history of oral cancer.

We have incorporated Velscope Plus in our oral screening and standard of care. We find that using Velscope along with the standard oral cancer examination improves that ability to identify suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Early detection of pre-cancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. This ViziLite Plus exam will be offered to you annually.

This enhanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association code revision committee as CDT-2007/08 procedure code D0431; however, this exam might not be covered by your insurance. The fee for this enhanced examination is **\$45** or less.

We value our patient care and highly recommend this procedure at least once a year, we will honor our Exam for up to 6 months.
Please ask our Dental Hygienist and Doctors for further questions.

