

VELscope Oral Cancer Screening Consent Form

Risk Factors of Oral Cancer (Controllable and Un-controllable)

- Tobacco use
- Excessive alcohol consumption or using both tobacco & alcohol
- Excessive unprotected sun exposure
- Low intake of fruits & vegetables
- Use of betel nut & bedis
- HPV viral infection
- Race, ethnicity, economics, gender and age
- High risk of cancer recurrence

Signs & Symptoms

Early Indicators

- Red and/or white discolorations of the soft tissues of the mouth
- Any sore which does not heal within 14 days
- Hoarseness which last for a prolonged period of time

Advanced Indicators

- A sensation that something is stuck in your throat
- Numbness in the oral region
- Difficulty in moving the jaw or tongue or Difficulty swallowing
- Ear pain which occurs on one side only
- A sore under a denture that won't heal, even after adjustment of the denture
- A lump or thickening which develops in the mouth or on the neck

Oral Cancer Statistics

Each year in the US alone, approximately 34,000 individuals are newly diagnosed with oral cancer. The death rate from oral cancer is very high; about half those diagnosed will not survive more than five years. With early detection, survival rates are high, and side effects from treatment are at the lowest.

Our practice believes in early detection of oral cancer. We can now offer you a state-of-the-art cancer exam called the VELscope Oral Cancer Screening System.

About the VELscope Exam:

- The exam takes approximately 3-5 minutes
- The exam is comfortable and pain-free
- Completely safe to perform

The VELscope peace-of-mind evaluation is available to you for \$50.00. This may not be a benefit of your insurance. By signing this consent form you are agreeing to the VELscope evaluation and payment today.

Patient Signature: _____

Today's Date: _____