



ORAL CANCER: DENTISTS SAVE LIVES

Your dentist is your best hope for an early diagnosis of oral cancer. Recently, the FDA cleared a new device to assist in the diagnosis of oral cancer. VIZILITE® is a simple and painless system that illuminates suspicious lesions in the mouth and facilitates their early diagnosis...and early diagnosis saves lives.

Consider these facts:

- One person dies every hour from oral cancer.
- 27% of oral cancers are diagnosed in people with no known risks factors at all.
- The survival rate for advanced stage oral cancer is poor and has not significantly improved during the past 40 years.
- Most oral cancers are diagnosed in an advanced stage.
- The risk of developing oral cancer is increasing in people 18-39 years of age.
- The risk of developing oral cancer is increasing in women.
- If you're a male over 40 years of age and use tobacco and alcohol you are in the highest risk group.

An oral cancer examination should be part of each dental examination for you and every member of your family. Oral cancers in their early stages are difficult even for your dentist to see and they may mimic other conditions that occur in the mouth. VIZILITE Plus aids your dentist in recognizing these early lesions by making them more visible. Fortunately most suspicious lesions are not oral cancer, but it takes an expert to know the difference. However you don't need to be an expert to reduce the known risk factors of tobacco use and excessive alcohol use. Quit, cut back and report anything in your mouth that concerns you to your dentist immediately.

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