

ORAL CANCER SCREENING CONSENT FORM



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In our continuing effort to provide the most advanced technology and highest standard of care available to our patients, this practice is proud to announce the inclusion of the Identafi as an integral part of our annual comprehensive oral cancer screening program. Identafi uses various wavelengths of light known as multi-spectral fluorescence and reflectance technology to aid the dental professional in seeing oral abnormalities that are, or could be, cancer.

One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the U.S. Late detection is the primary contributing factor to this alarming statistic. Although age, tobacco and alcohol use increase the probability of oral cancer, 27% of oral cancer victims have no lifestyle risk factors. According to the American Cancer Society, more women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with oral cancer than cervical cancer. Furthermore, there are as many cases caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease, as there are HPV related cases of cervical cancer.

Due to the increased prevalence of HPV, this screening is recommended annually for everyone age 17 and over. Early detection of pre-cancerous lesions can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. An oral cancer screening with the Identafi is easy and painless and gives this practice the best chance to find any abnormalities you may have, at the earliest possible stage. Oral cancer risk by patient profile is:

Increased Risk: Patients age 17-39, and sexually active (HPV threat)

High Risk: Patients age 40 and older, tobacco users under age 40

Highest Risk: Patients 40 and older and lifestyle risk factors (tobacco & alcohol use, etc), patients with a history of oral or other cancers.

The fee for this service is \$ 10.00, annually. \$5.00 of this fee goes to the charity, Free to Smile Foundation, which provides free cleft palate surgeries and other dental treatment around the world.

I would like to have this, Doctor recommended, oral cancer screening, using Identafi

(circle one) YES NO Initial _____

In addition to oral cancer screening, another important service we offer is fluoride treatments for patients of all ages. Dr. Caldwell strongly encourages patients of all ages to receive a fluoride treatment, "tooth vitamins", every six months with their dental cleaning. Studies have shown that regular fluoride treatments reduce or prevent cavities and sensitivity in teeth. It has also been shown to remineralize enamel. Dr. Caldwell has reduced the cost of this treatment to \$10.00 (if it is not covered by your dental benefits), so that everyone can afford the benefits and protection of fluoride.

I would like a fluoride treatment today (circle one) YES NO Initial _____

Patient Name _____

Date _____