

R.S.G. Dental Healthcare, P.C.

Oral Health update:

One person dies every hour of every day from Oral Cancer in America! There are 34,000 new cases reported annually with only a 52%, five year survival rate!

This particular disease is not only on the rise but the #2 killer globally and #6 domestically. Previously, oral cancer was predominantly confined to 40 and over individuals who smoke and consume alcohol. However, it is now being found in young adults at an alarming rate recently. Experts surmise that this is due in part to exposure to a particular strain of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), which is also the primary precursor to cervical cancer. To put it in proper perspective, oral cancer occurs at a 3:1 ratio to cervical cancer!

Over the years, we (R.S.G. Dental Healthcare), have always conducted a head & neck/intra oral visual examination on all patients at every recall appointment. The good news is we have recently incorporated breakthrough technology (**VELscope**) in the form of a safe, high-energy blue light ("Auto Fluorescence") and specialized filtering technology. It gives us the capability to reveal oral abnormalities on or below oral mucosal surfaces, previously invisible under white light and the naked eye!! This is a completely non-invasive technique.



When lesions are detected **EARLY**, the survival rate for oral cancer is very high (**80-90%**). This technology enables us to keep our commitment to protect and preserve "Oral Health" & "Quality of Life" to our patients and community! Our goal is to provide our patients with the best oral health care currently available.

Early detection=High survival rate

It is strongly suggested that screening is done as early as age 18 and every 6-12 months pending risk factors. This non-invasive screening system takes but five minutes at a fee of \$75.00 which may be covered by your dental/medical insurance.

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