

Oral Cancer Screening Consent Form

Alarming, 25% of the new oral cancer patients do not have any of the traditional life style risk factors, such as age, tobacco or alcohol use.

Traditionally Dentist and hygienist have performed cancer screening with the naked eye, but recently a new technology, the Velscope has received FDA approval. The Velscope (Visually Enhanced Lesion Scope) will help us pinpoint and identify suspicious tissue at earlier stages before they may become life threatening concerns.

Velscope is a painless, non invasive blue light that we shine into the patient's mouth. The images are viewed through the back of the unit. This will allow the dentist and hygienist to pinpoint tissue abnormalities at an earlier stage. The room will be darkened before the exam, to help view for tissue changes, which are not visible to the naked eye.

The Velscope testing is an addition to our traditional oral cancer screening and will add only a few minutes to your exam. The cost of the exam is \$20.00 and is not covered under dental benefits.

We feel this breakthrough technology is very important to the enhanced quality of care we can offer to our patients.

Please sign the area below to accept the financial responsibility for this procedure.

Thank you

I authorize the office to perform the Velscope examination

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____