

Velscope Oral Cancer Screening

One person dies from oral cancer in the U.S. every hour. In fact, the number of Americans developing oral cancer is three times greater than those that develop cervical cancer.

Oral cancer has traditionally been associated with individuals that are over the age of 40 that consume alcohol or use tobacco. However, more oral cancer is striking younger people, and individuals that do not use alcohol or tobacco. In most cases the cause appears to be one of two strains of human papilloma virus (HPV-16 or HPV-18).

As a result, healthcare experts recommend **ANNUAL** oral cancer screenings for all adults 18 years and older. This painless exam takes only 3-5 minutes and includes a visual and tactile exploration of the interior of your mouth, as well as the underside of your chin and neck. A special light is used to aid in the discovery of suspicious tissues.

In our continuing effort to provide the most advanced technology and highest standard of care available to our patients, our practice is going to provide annual comprehensive oral cancer screenings for all adults over 18 years of age. The fee for this exam is \$36.00.