

## Consent for Oral Cancer Screening

Our practice continually looks for advances to ensure that we are providing the optimum level of oral health care to our patients. We are concerned about oral cancer and look for it in every patient.

**One American dies every hour from oral cancer.** Late detection of oral cancer is the primary cause that both incidence and mortality rates of oral cancer continue to increase. As with most cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Tobacco and alcohol use are other major predisposing risk factors but **more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no such lifestyle risk factors.** Oral cancer risk by patient profile is as follows:

**Increase risk:** patients ages 18-39 (sexually active - HPV 16/18)

**High risk:** patients age 40+; tobacco users <40

**Highest risk:** patients age 40+ with lifestyle risk factors (tobacco and /or alcohol use) previous history of cancer.

We have incorporated Identafi into our oral screening standard of care. We find that using Identafi along with a standard oral cancer examination improves the ability to identify suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Identafi is similar to proven early detection procedures for other cancers such as mammography, Pap smear, and PSA. It is a simple and painless examination that gives the best chance to find any oral abnormalities at the earliest possible stage. Early detection of precancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. This exam will be offered to you annually and the fee is \$65.00.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES.** I would like to have the Identafi exam along with the standard oral cancer examination. I accept financial responsibility for this examination.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No.** I would prefer not to have the Identafi exam at this time.

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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