

## Oral Cancer Screening Consent

**Encino Cosmetic & Dental Implants** is proud and pleased to have you participate in our Oral Cancer awareness program. An oral cancer screening includes a check-up of your entire mouth and the head and neck area. Screenings can detect lesions early, thereby resulting in greater success for additional treatment when needed. In 2019 we detected oral cancer on two of our patients. One 38 years old, and one 62. That's why we invested in high tech equipment to further improve our screening. We find that using **Velscope** along with a standard oral cancer examination improves the ability to identify suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Velscope is similar to proven early detection procedures for other cancers such as mammography, Pap smear, and PSA. Velscope 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. If anything abnormal is detected during the cancer screening, a recommendation will be made for you to see an oral surgeon for further evaluation.

**Fact: One American dies every hour from oral cancer.** Late detection of oral cancer is the primary cause that both the 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.** Studies also suggest that human papillomavirus (HPV) plays a role in more than **20%** of oral cancer causes. Oral cancer represents the fastest growing oropharyngeal cancer population with a **5-fold** increase in incidence under the age of 45. Oral cancer risk by patient profile as follows:

**Increased risk:** patients ages 18-39

-sexually active patients (HPV)

**High risk:** patients age 40 and older; tobacco users (ages 18-39, any type within 10 years)

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

This enhanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association code revision committee as CDT procedure code D0431; however, this exam might not be covered by your insurance. The fee for this enhanced examination is **\$65**.

Please read and sign this Consent for Screening:

**Yes.** I would prefer to have the Velscope Oral Cancer exam at this time.

**No.** I would prefer not to have the Velscope Oral Cancer exam at this time. I accept all risks.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_