



ORAL CANCER SCREENING

In our continuing efforts to provide the most advanced technology and the highest standard of care available to our patients, our practice is proud to announce the inclusion of the ViziLite® Plus exam as an integral part of our annual comprehensive oral cancer screening program.

One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the United States and the mortality rate has remained unchanged for more than 40 years. 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 other cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Though tobacco use is a major predisposing risk factor, **27% of oral cancer victims have no lifestyle risk factors.** According to the American Cancer Society, more women in the United States will be diagnosed with oral cancer this year (12,000 cases) than will be diagnosed with cervical cancer (<10,000 cases), and there are as many cases of oral cancer caused by the human papilloma virus (HPV 16/18), a sexually transmitted disease, as there are HPV related cases of cervical cancer.

Clinical studies have determined that using ViziLite Plus after the standard oral cancer examination improves the dental professionals' ability to identify and evaluate suspicious areas at their earliest stages. Early detection of pre-cancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. Proven screening technologies such as mammogram, Pap smear, PSA and colonoscopy offer the same type of early detection of cancer. ViziLite Plus is an easy and painless examination that gives our practice the best chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at the earliest possible stage.

Oral cancer risk by patient profile is listed below:

Increased risk:	Patients age 18-39 and sexually active (HPV 16/18)
High risk:	Patients age 40 and older; tobacco users younger than age 40
Highest risk:	Patients age 40 and older and lifestyle risk factors (tobacco use); patients with a history of oral cancer

Our office will bill your dental insurance for this advanced oral cancer screening however, it will most likely not be covered in addition to the standard visual exam. We can also provide you with a medical insurance form so that you may bill your medical insurance if the screening is denied by your dental.

Dr. Schinto prescribes the ViziLite Plus exam for all patients at increased risk, high risk and highest risk for oral cancer (adult patients age 18 and older and tobacco users of any age). We will be performing the ViziLite Plus exam annually following the standard oral cancer examination of the oral cavity for a fee of **\$65.00.**



ORAL CANCER SCREENING CONSENT FORM

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 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.** Oral cancer risk by patient profile is as follows:

Increased risk: patients ages 18-39 and sexually active (HPV 16/18)

High risk: patients age 40 or older; tobacco users (any age, 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.

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

This enhanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association code revision committee as CDT-5 procedure code D0431; however, this exam will most likely not be covered by your insurance. The fee for this enhanced examination is **\$65.00.**

Yes. I authorize the clinician to perform the ViziLite Plus exam along with the standard oral cancer examination. I accept financial responsibility for this enhanced examination today.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

No. I would prefer not to have the ViziLite Plus exam at this time.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____