

In our continuing efforts to enhance patient care, this practice is proud to announce the inclusion of the Vizilite® Plus exam as an important part of our annual comprehensive oral screening program.

**One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the United States.**

Late detection of oral cancer is the primary reason that mortality rates are so dismal. As with most other cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Though tobacco use is a major predisposing risk factor, **25% 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 than will be diagnosed with cervical cancer, and now **studies show an increasing link between the human papilloma virus (HPV 16/18) and oral cancer.**

The Vizilite Plus exam is used after the standard visual oral cancer examination and can help to identify suspicious areas that may have been missed during the conventional examination. Early detection of pre-cancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially disfiguring effects of oral cancer and possibly save your life. Vizilite Plus is a painless examination that gives this practice a better chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at their earliest possible stage.

Oral cancer risk by patient profile is listed below:

### **Oral Cancer Risk profile**

#### **Increased risk**

- Patients age 40 and older (95% of all cases)
- 18-39 years of age combined with the following:
  - Tobacco use
  - Chronic alcohol consumption
  - Oral HPV infection

#### **Highest risk**

- Patients age 65 and older with lifestyle risk factors
- Patients with history of oral cancer
- **25% of oral cancers occur in people who don't smoke and have no other risk factors.**

Dental insurance might not cover the Vizilite Plus exam. However, this office is happy to verify your coverage for you and will also provide you with a medical insurance form for you to use to file this procedure with your medical insurance. 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