

Oral Cancer Screening Penticton

During a regular dental health visit, our dentists now screen for oral cancers as premature cancer detection just could save your life. Oral cancer means there is an uncontrolled cell growth within the oral cavity and pharynx. Early warning signs of oral cancer could come in the form of a red or white discoloured patch of skin or a lump surrounding the oral cavity, sores that take more than a couple of weeks to heal or sores that bleed easily, or a site within the oral cavity that has been raised, made coarse, become tough, a unending sore pharynx or there is complications chewing or swallowing.

The cancer screen may be performed anytime you come for an appointment and make sure to inform us of any warning signs you may have experienced as early detection is the key to preventing any cancer. Please do not disregard any of the above mentioned warning signs as these symptoms are not producing any soreness. Often cancerous or pre-cancerous lesions will be painless.

The first step in oral cancer testing is to use a cancer screener to help uncover and analyze irregular tissues. The VelScope light uses a targeted light that works to analyze areas with imperfections. If any lesions or suspicious sores are present, we might carry out an in house biopsy to help determine if the lesion is pre-cancerous or cancerous.