ORAL CANCER SCREENING CONSENT

Our practice continually looks for advances to ensure that we are providing the optimum level of oral health care for 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 pre disposing risk factors, but **more that 25% of oral cancer victims have no such lifestyle risk factors.**

Increased Risk:

- Patients in their mid 20's
- Sexually active patients (HPV ages 16-18)

High Risk:

- Patients age 40 and older
- Tobacco users (any type within 10 years-any age)

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The hygienist and/or doctor use a specialized fluorescent light to illuminate and identify any abnormalities in their early stages. We recommend this screening for all of our patients age 18 and older once a year and it only costs $10.00.

Please Circle One: **YES** **NO**

Patient's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____