



SARASOTA CENTER for
GENERAL DENTISTRY
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To all our patients:

Our practice continually strives to provide important enhancements in oral healthcare for our patients. We are concerned about oral abnormalities and its relationship with serious oral diseases such as oral cancer. For this reason, we offer each of our patients a screening for oral cancer.

According to the American Cancer Association:

- More than 48,000 Americans will be diagnosed with oral cancer this year
- More than 9,500 Americans will die from oral cancer this year. That is the equivalent to 1 person per hour, 24 hours per day
- Mortality rate for oral cancer is less than 5 years when diagnosed in its late stages
- Risk factors include:
 - Tobacco use of any kind (including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff, e-cigs and vaping)
 - Alcohol use
 - Excessive sun exposure to your lips
 - HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)-sexually transmitted virus

Oral cancer is one of the deadliest oral diseases with research showing that late detection is the primary reason that mortality rates are so high. As with most other cancers, age is a primary risk factor for oral cancer. However, 1 in 4 (25%) patients diagnosed with oral cancer have no known risk factors.

Research has found that using VELScope Vx – along with a visual examination – improves our ability to identify suspicious areas that may have been missed during the conventional examination. Early detection of abnormalities can minimize or eliminate the harmful and potentially disfiguring effects of serious oral disease such as oral cancer and possibly save your life! A painless exam gives us a better chance to find any oral abnormalities you may have at an early stage. The exam will be offered to you annually.

The fee for our exam is \$30.00

____ Yes. I would like to have an oral cancer screening today.

____ No. I would prefer not to have an oral cancer screening and exam done at this time.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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