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## Oral Cancer Screening Consent Form

Our practice continually seeks advances to ensure that we are providing the optimum level of oral health care to our patients.

One American dies every hour from oral cancer. Late detection of oral cancer is the primary reason that both the incidence and mortality rates of oral cancer continue to increase. Tobacco and alcohol use, particularly together, are the strongest risk factors for oral cancers. Exposure to HPV, gender (male) and age are also factors. But many oral cancer victims have no risk factors at all.

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

This enhanced examination is recognized by the American Dental Association code revision committee as CDT procedure code D0431. However, this exam may not be covered by your insurance plan. The fee for this examination is \$45. You will be responsible for paying up front for this procedure and IF your insurance does cover any portion, we will credit your account accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I authorize the clinician to perform the VELscope exam along with the standard oral cancer screening. I accept financial responsibility for this enhanced exam.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, I decline the VELscope exam at this time.

Signature

Date

Print name