

# Early Oral Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Screening Program



Two-thirds of patients with oral cancer present with advanced disease at the time of diagnosis, at which point survival rates are as low as 30 percent. Screening high-risk patients increases the likelihood of catching the disease at an earlier and more treatable stage.

## What Sets Us Apart

- Dedicated oral cancer screening service for high-risk patients
- One of few institutions nationwide equipped for screening with autofluorescent visualization (AFV), which uses blue fluorescent light, photoacoustics, and salivary biomarkers to identify abnormal areas of the mucosa that should be biopsied.

## Who should be screened?

- Any patient with a history of tobacco use
- Any patient with a history of alcohol abuse
- Any patient with a suspicious oral lesion lasting more than two weeks, or anyone with chronic dental trauma
- Anyone with a recent diagnosis of oral cancer who has not yet begun treatment
- Anyone treated previously for oral or head & neck cancer who has been disease-free for six months. Regular screening is critical for patients treated previously for oral cancer in particular, because the initial cancerous lesion is often surrounded by premalignant lesions that may eventually become malignant. Nearly a third of patients develop a second cancer after treatment for the first.
- Anyone with a history of surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, or Graft-versus-Host disease whose oral structure looks abnormal

## For More Information

Early Oral Cancer Detection and Diagnosis  
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## Meet the Team



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