

In our continuing efforts to enhance patient care, our practice is proud to announce the inclusion of the [Vizilite Plus](#) exam as an important part of our annual comprehensive oral screening program.

One person dies every hour from oral cancer in the United States.

Late detection of oral cancer is the primary reason that mortality rates are so dismal. As with most other cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Though tobacco use is a major predisposing risk factor, **25% of oral cancer victims have no lifestyle risk factors.**

According to the American Cancer Society, more women in the United States will be diagnosed with oral cancer this year than will be diagnosed with cervical cancer, and now **studies show an increasing link between the [human papilloma virus \(HPV 16/18\)](#) and oral cancer.**

The Vizilite Plus exam is used after the standard visual oral cancer examination and can help to identify suspicious areas that cannot be detected with the naked eye. Early detection of precancerous tissue can minimize or eliminate the potentially [disfiguring effects](#) of oral cancer and possibly save your life. Vizilite Plus is a painless examination that gives our practice a better chance to find any abnormalities you may have at their earliest possible stage.

What is your risk for oral cancer? [Click here](#) to find out.