

FREE ORAL CANCER SCREENING



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1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Oral Cancer Facts:

- Approximately 54,540 people in Michigan were diagnosed with oral cancer in 2023
- The fastest growing form of oral cancer comes from HPV, a virus that goes unnoticed with no precancerous signs.
- The majority of oral cancers are found as late-stage disease
- The good news is that a qualified health care provider can see or feel pre-cancerous tissue changes which might lead to cancer.

Risk Factors Include:

- Tobacco use in all forms
- Alcohol use
- Prolonged sun exposure
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV16)
- Gender – men are more likely to develop oral cancer than women
- Race – oral cancer occurs in blacks 2 to 1 over whites

Who Should Be Screened:

- The chance of developing oral cancer is not limited to being a smoker or using alcohol. Oral cancer patients are increasingly young, healthy, non-smoking individuals.
- Everyone over the age of 18 should be screened annually.

Screenings will be performed by a physician; they're quick and painless. Patients with an abnormal finding will be followed up by a nurse navigator with a referral to a physician.