

# Oral Cancer

Community Dental Education



# Objectives

1. Identify 3 parts of the mouth where oral cancer occurs most commonly.
2. Correlate appropriate treatment methods with the stages of oral cancer.
3. Categorize 3 lifestyle habits that can increase the risk for developing oral cancer.
4. Identify 2 signs of oral cancer.
5. Offer 3 ways someone can decrease their risk of developing oral cancer.

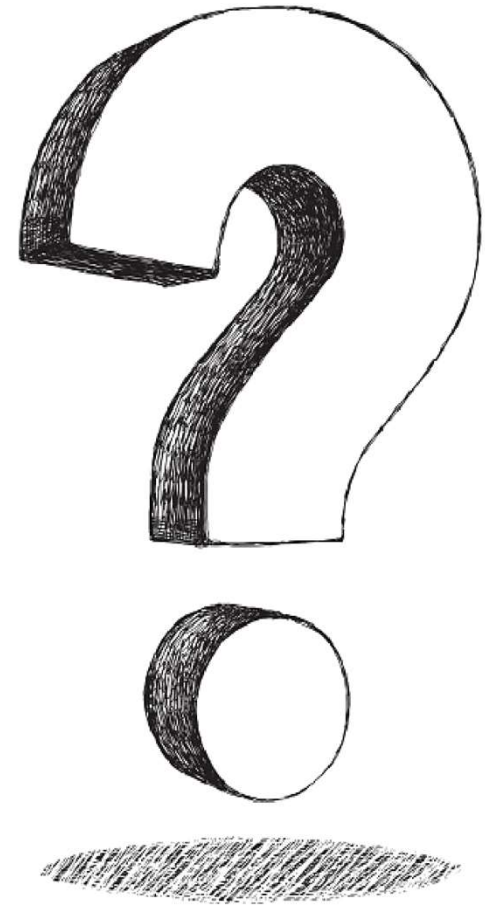
# Introduction

- How common is oral cancer?
  - **54,010** diagnosed cases in 2021
  - **10,850** deaths in 2021
- Head and Neck Cancer Category
  - 85% is oral cancer
- Prevention, Detection, Treatment
  - It could save your life!



How many of you  
know someone who  
had oral cancer?

What does it look  
like?



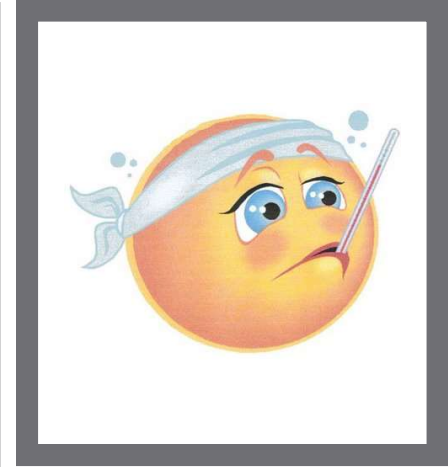
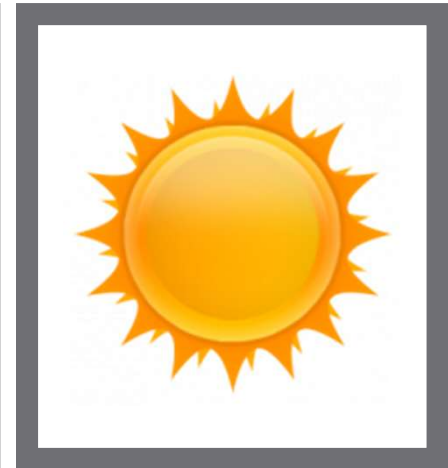
# Demographics

- Over the age of 40
- Younger Populations
  - Use of “smokeless” chewing tobacco (spit)
  - Viral etiology, HPV16
- Men
- African Americans



# Risk Factors

- Tobacco Use
  - Cigarettes, cigars, pipes, chewing tobacco, snuff
- Alcohol Use
- Excessive sun exposure to lips
- Weakened immune system
- HPV



# Oral Can Occur on...

- Lips
- Gums
- Tongue
  - Sides, top, bottom
- Inner Cheeks
- Roof of Mouth
- Floor of Mouth



# Signs & Symptoms

- Non-healing sore on lip or mouth
- White or red patch inside mouth
- Loose teeth
- Growth or lump inside mouth
- Mouth or ear pain
- Difficulty, painful swallowing





# Stages & Treatment

## Stage

- Stage 0
- Stages I and II
- Stages III and IVA
- Stages IVB and IVC
- Recurrent

## Treatment

- Surgery
- Surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy
- Surgery, lymph node dissection
- Radiation, chemotherapy, immunotherapy
- Surgery, radiation, chemotherapy, lymph node dissection



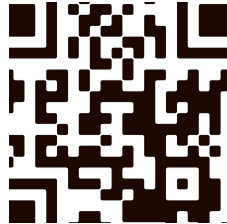
## In Conclusion...

- Oral cancer affects varying demographics
- Who is at risk?
- Where can it occur?
- What are the signs?
- How can oral cancer be treated?
- Actively advocate for your oral health!

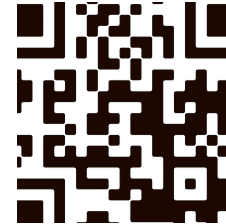


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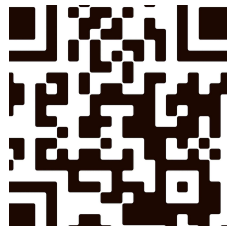
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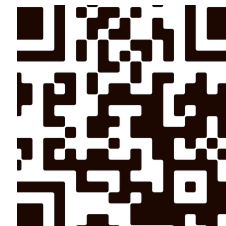
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