



ORAL CANCER SCREENINGS

ODS covers oral cancer screenings because maintaining a healthy mouth is critical to maintaining a healthy body.



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ORAL CANCER RISK FACTORS

A member's risk increases with the following:

Smoking or using smokeless tobacco

Drinking alcohol excessively

Overexposure to the sun

Men older than age 40

A family history of oral cancer

Supporting the early detection of oral cancer for our members

Because many serious medical problems are connected to oral health, maintaining a healthy mouth is critical to maintaining a healthy body.

In addition to routine oral cancer exams, ODS now covers ViziLite and Brush Biopsy, a nonsurgical screening designed to aid in the early detection of abnormal cells in the mouth.

EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES

When oral cancer is not detected and treated in its early stages, the morbidity rate is high, treatment can be devastating and the associated medical costs average \$200,000. Unlike other cancers, the mortality rate of oral cancer has not decreased significantly in the past 30 years, primarily because of late detection. When oral cancer is caught early, five-year survival rates improve from 54 percent to 81 percent.

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