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ORAL CANCER SCREENING

Dear Patient,

Every year, over 8,000 Americans die from oral cancer. That is one person every hour of every day and night! Oral cancer is more deadly than breast cancer, cervical cancer and prostate cancer. The reason for this large number of deaths is the lack of early diagnosis. By the time these cancers are detected and treated, only 40% of patients live five years.

In an effort to provide you with the best care possible, we continually strive to find the most advanced technology for our practice. It is with great pride that we will now be using the Trimira Indentafi 3000 Ultra device to perform oral cancer screenings. This technology is the result of a 15-year government research project done with Rice University and MD Anderson Cancer Research Center in TX. This machine is the premier cancer-screening device in the world, and we are proud to be able to bring this technology to our patients.

We will submit this procedure to your dental insurance company. However, most insurance companies do not pay for new, cutting edge procedures like this. We are charging a minimal fee of \$15.00 for the cancer screening, and we request that you pay for the procedure the day it is done. If your insurance pays, we will reimburse you. We are screening all new patients at the first visit and all of our regular patients every two years.



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