

Dear Valued Patient:

It is our goal to provide our family of patients with the highest degree of care. Therefore, we are now providing oral cancer detection with Velscope. Velscope is a system currently being used by medical and dental facilities to diagnose early stages of oral cancer. In most cases by the time lesions are visually detected they are in stage III or stage IV and patients usually do not have a positive prognosis. Healthcare institutions across the country are verifying the positive diagnostic results of Velscope. It is a simple non-invasive tool that is used in conjunction with the visual inspection done at your preventive visit. We recommend Velscope testing on an annual basis; unless a patient has suspicious lesions then more frequent testing would be recommended. Early detection is saving lives. Contrary to previous beliefs studies have shown that people exposed to tobacco or alcohols are not the only ones at risk for oral cancer.

Since insurance companies are not up to date on the most recent diagnostic services available, they have not yet recognized the use of Velscope for oral cancer examination. Patients choosing to have the procedure will be responsible for the \$33 evaluation fee. If you elect not to have the Velscope evaluation, we ask that you kindly check to box below and remit with your signature.

- I would appreciate the Velscope examination.

- I do not want the Velscope examination.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Patient Name: _____