

# PREMIER DENTISTRY

COSMETIC, RESTORATIVE, AND SEDATION DENTISTRY

## VELSCOPE

### **Did you know that dental insurance doesn't cover oral cancer?**

Nearly 50,000 people in the United States will be newly diagnosed with oral cancer this year, with 132 people diagnosed with oral cancer each day.

Unfortunately, your dental insurance is not liable for cancer treatment.

While smoking, using chewing tobacco, and consuming alcohol have been commonly linked to oral cancers, many cases are now also being linked to exposure to the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). In some cases of oral cancer, there is no identifiable cause.

The best way to prevent oral cancer is to get screened regularly. This office uses the VELscope, a non-invasive oral-cancer screening device. By using VELscope to aid in oral cancer screening, your dentist is able to see suspicious areas that could potentially become cancerous.

The VELscope screening is recommended to be administered twice a year and costs \$25.00 per screening. Unfortunately, most insurance plans do not cover this exam. Since the VELscope screening is part of our regular standard of care, please let your hygienist know if you wish to opt out of this exam.

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