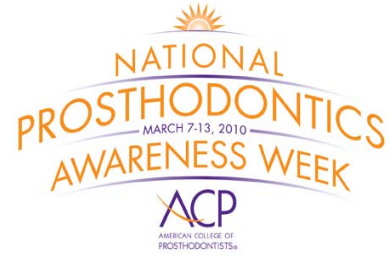


## Oral Health-Cancer Screening

### Organize a Free Oral Health-Cancer Screening Event

You may organize a local Oral Health Cancer Screening Event at your institution that is free to the public similar to the one planned for the 2009 Annual Session San Diego meeting. While the primary purpose would be cancer screening additional clinical observations may be made relative to the patient's general oral health, the presence of dental disease and/or ill-fitting dental prostheses. Preparation must be made in advance for the referral of patient's with positive findings.



The ACP has developed an Oral Cancer Screening DVD that may be used to educate other health care professionals how to perform a proper examination. The DVD may be purchased from the ACP Central Office. Appropriate Patient Agreement, Examination and Referral Forms are included for the screening event. A 30 Step checklist to a successful oral health screening event is provided.

### Consent Form

I consent to an evaluation of my head, face, neck, upper torso and oral cavity for unusual skin or mucosal changes that might be associated with a disease process. I understand that this evaluation is only a screening. I will be informed verbally if areas of concern are noted. I will then assume the responsibility to contact my physician or dentist for a complete evaluation, diagnosis and treatment as needed.

Name (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Examination Form**

### APPEARANCE

- A. Color
  - Red Color
  - White Color
  - Red/White Color
  - Normal overlying mucosa
  
- B. Surface
  - Cobblestone texture
  - Ulceration
  - Smooth

### PALPATION

- Firm
- Soft
- Moveable
- Causes bleeding

### DIMENSION

- Surface dimension
- Depth dimension

### EXTRAORAL FINDINGS

- Neck mass
- Location of neck mass
- Size of neck mass

### SIGNS AND SYMTOMS and HOW LONG HAS EACH BEEN PRESENT

- Sore throat
- Earache
- Painful swallowing in throat
- Pain at lesion site
- Occasional bleeding at the site
- Awareness of the lesion
- Any change in the lesion

### HISTORY

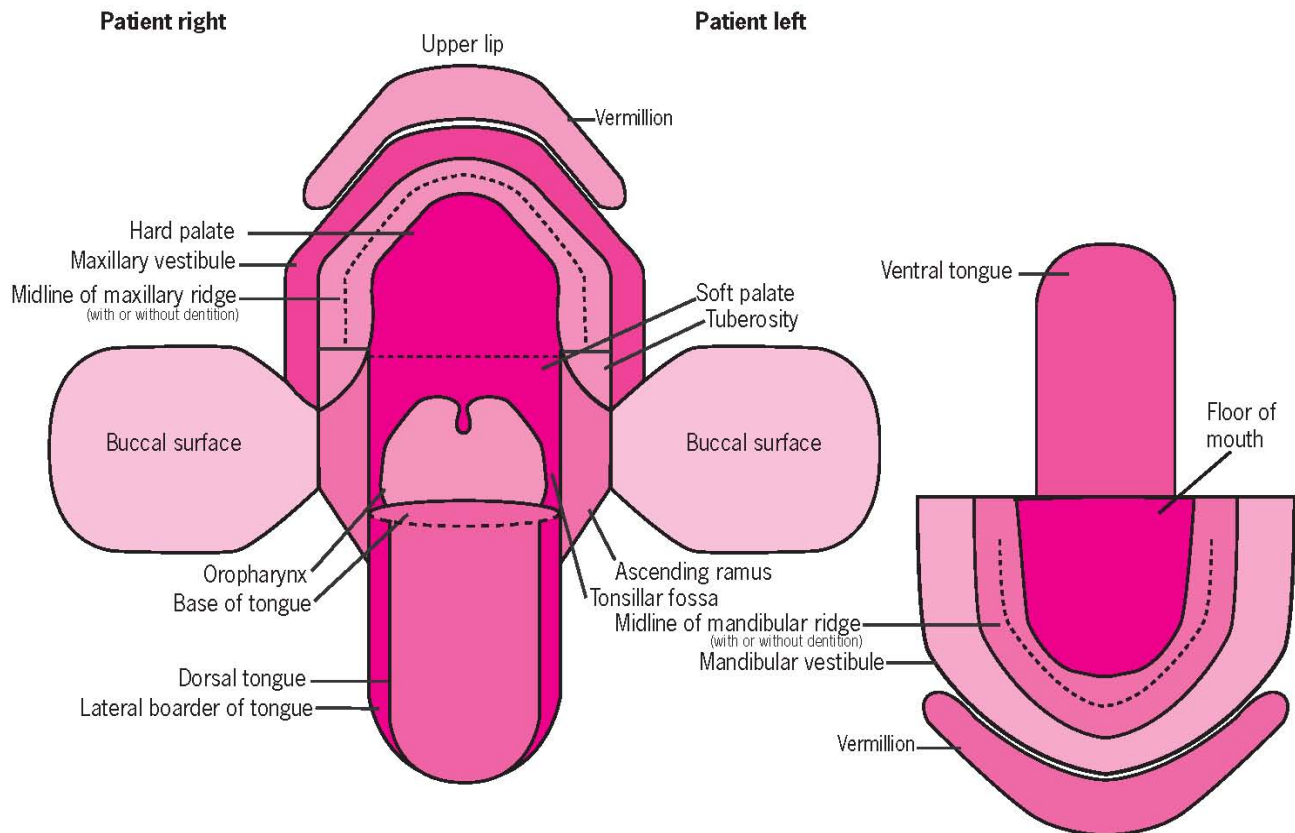
- Smoking
- Alcohol
- Previous lesion in the area with a past diagnosis of \_\_\_\_\_

## Oral Cancer Screening Referral Form

The patient that brings you this form was screened at a public screening event. We have found the below detailed abnormality. We believe this area requires further evaluation, and if warranted a biopsy for definitive diagnosis.



Patient name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone contact number \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_



Description of suspect tissue/area:

Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

## 30 Steps to a Successful Oral Health Screening Event – A Checklist

1. Create an effective interactive team or committee, involve PPG students
2. Determine the goal for the event and anticipate the public need
3. Create a timeline for events to take place - allow adequate time to achieve goal
4. Delegate activities to team members – share the fun
5. Determine a date - Saturdays are better than weekdays
6. Determine a location – Public spaces with high traffic will attract more people
7. Obtain consent to use public space if needed – may need liability insurance
8. Locate sponsors/partners – stores, foundations, organizations, universities, suppliers
9. Create event flyers
10. Create free examination cards to be handed out
11. Create public service announcements
12. Create a press release
13. Create a calendar listing
14. Create banners to identify event: registration, exam, etc.
15. Identify and calibrate “screeners”
16. Identify “wranglers” to assist directing the public or answer questions
17. Identify media/communication experts who can assist you
18. Identify local television, newspaper and radio contacts
19. Be prepared to be interviewed – know the topic thoroughly
20. Obtain appropriate and supportive patient informational brochures or pamphlets
21. Obtain a clinical mobile van, tents, chairs if needed
22. Obtain expendable examination supplies from local dental supplier, such as:
  - a. Head lamps-battery operated
  - b. 2 x 2 Gauze
  - c. Disposable mouth mirrors
  - d. Tongue blades
  - e. Antiseptic lotion
  - f. Nitrile Gloves (non-latex) medium to large size
  - g. Face Masks
  - h. Facial Tissues
  - i. Waste Receptacles
23. Prepare patient agreement, examination and referral forms if needed
24. Create a list of health care providers/institutions that will accept referrals
25. Create a means to publically recognize contributors with banners, poster-boards
26. Create buttons/ribbons for individuals screened
27. Have adequate chairs and/or refreshments for individuals waiting for screening
28. Follow-up letter of thanks for all of those involved
29. Debrief – prepare a report of what worked and what didn’t work
30. Assess the benefit provided to the public sector