450,000+ new cases are found each year worldwide, often discovered late in development.

50,000 people are diagnosed each year in the United States.

9,750 people will die from oral cancer this year.

1 person dies every hour.

43% of those diagnosed won’t survive more than 5 years.

Oral, head and neck cancers are 2x more common in men than women.

Risk Factors

- Exposure to HPV: The sexually transmitted human papillomavirus.
- Alcohol: Especially when also using tobacco.
- Tobacco: Cigarettes, pipes, cigars, vaping or smokeless tobacco (i.e. chew, snuff, snus).
- Other Conditions:
  - Chronic physical trauma
  - Poor oral hygiene
  - Infectious diseases
  - Poor nutrition

Did you know?

Fastest-growing segment of the oral cancer population: Non-smokers younger than 50.

Learn to perform a self-exam at: MyOMS.org/OralCancerAwareness


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