

## VELscope Oral Cancer Screening Consent Form

### Risk Factors of Oral Cancer (Controllable and Un-controllable)

- Tobacco use
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Using both tobacco & alcohol
- Excessive unprotected sun exposure
- Low intake of fruits & vegetables
- Use of betel nut & bedis
- HPV viral infection
- Race, ethnicity and economics
- High risk of cancer recurrence
- Gender and Age

### Signs & Symptoms

#### Early Indicators

- Red and/or white discolorations of the soft tissues of the mouth
- Any sore which does not heal within 14 days
- Hoarseness which last for a prolonged period of time

#### Advanced Indicators

- A sensation that something is stuck in your throat
- Numbness in the oral region
- Difficulty in moving the jaw or tongue
- Difficulty in swallowing
- Ear pain which occurs on one side only
- A sore under a denture that won't heal, even after adjustment of the denture
- A lump or thickening which develops in the mouth or on the neck

### Oral Cancer Statistics

Each year in the US alone, approximately 34,000 individuals are newly diagnosed with oral cancer. The death rate from oral cancer is very high; about half those diagnosed will not survive more than five years. With early detection, survival rates are high, and side effects from treatment are at the lowest.

### Get it Early. Get it All~ VELscope

Our practice believes in early detection of oral cancer. We can now offer you a state-of-the-art cancer exam called the VELscope Oral Cancer Screening System. As always, we will continue to provide conventional oral screening exams, however now we are able to do even more!

About the VELscope Exam:

- The exam takes approximately 3-5 minutes
- The exam is comfortable and pain-free
- Completely safe to perform

**Patient Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Patient Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The VELscope peace-of-mind evaluation is available to you for \$20.00. This may not be a benefit of your insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I accept the VELscope evaluation

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the above information with regards to the potential knowledge available through the VELscope evaluation. At this time I am choosing to decline this form of oral cancer screening.