



WINTERHOLLER DENTISTRY
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VELscope Oral Cancer Consent Form

As a healthcare provider, we continually review new medical technologies looking for those procedures that represent the latest advances in medical care for our patients. We are concerned about oral cancer and look for it in every patient. The incidence of oral cancer continues to rise in the USA. Approximately 45,750 people in the US will be newly diagnosed with oral cancer in 2015 and one American dies every hour because of it. **Alarmingly, 25% of the new oral cancer cases are people who do not have any of the traditional life style risk factors, such as age, tobacco, and alcohol use. Exposure to HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) is a newly discovered risk factor.**

VELscope (Visually Enhanced Lesion Scope) will help us pinpoint and identify suspicious tissue at earlier stages before they may become life threatening concerns. This technology has successfully improved the identification of pre-cancerous abnormalities in thousands of exams and is similar to other early detection procedures such as mammography, Pap smear, and a colonoscopy.

This examination is not a new procedure and insurance companies may cover some of the procedure cost. There is a fee of \$15 for using this tool to aid in the examination of your oral tissue. As part of our standard of care and because we care about you, we have made it *our policy* to have a VELscope examination performed once a year for each patient over the age of 18.

YES, I authorize my hygienist to use the VELscope along with my conventional visual oral examination. I accept financial responsibility today, for this enhanced visual examination if the procedure is not covered under my insurance.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____