

# EDGEWOOD DENTAL

Dear valued Patient:

It is our goal to provide our family of patients with the highest degree of care. Therefore, we are making available to you, oral cancer detection with *VELscope*. *VELscope* is a system currently being used to diagnosis early stages of oral cancer. In most cases by the time lesions are visually detected they are in stage III or IV and patients usually do not have positive prognosis. Healthcare institutions across the country are verifying the positive diagnostic results of the *VELscope*. It is a simple non-invasive tool that is used in conjunction with the visual inspection done at your preventive visit every six months. We recommend *VELscope* testing on an annual basis; unless a patient has suspicious lesions then more frequent testing would be recommended. Early detection is saving lives. Studies have shown that you do not need to be a smoker or drinker to have oral cancer.

Since most insurance companies are not up to date on the most recent diagnostic services available they have not yet recognized the use of the *VELscope* for oral cancer examination. Patients choosing to have the procedure will be responsible for the \$35 evaluation fee. Whether or not you elect to have the *VELscope* examination, we ask that you kindly check the box below and remit with your signature.

I would appreciate the *VELscope* examination.

I do not want the *VELscope* examination.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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