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ADVANCED ORAL CANCER SCREENING

Finger Lakes Dental Care is one of only a handful of Dental Offices in Upstate New York using Velscope advanced Oral cancer Screening

Why use Velscope as part of a comprehensive oral screening

Oral cancer is one of the most curable diseases when it's caught early. That's why the Velscope exam has been developed. Velscope uses technology that has proven successful in identifying soft tissue abnormalities in other areas of the body. A Velscope exam is particularly important if you are at increased risk for developing oral cancer.

Velscope as part of a comprehensive oral screening

- **When oral cancer is found at the earliest stage, treatment is quicker, simpler, less involved, and more than 90% successful!** When oral cancer is diagnosed in late stage, treatment is expensive, disfiguring and has a poor survival rate.
- Velscope is a technology used by your dental professional to assist in the **early detection** of abnormal tissue in your mouth.
- Velscope helps your dental professional see abnormal tissue that is not visible during a regular exam.
- At the conclusion of a Velscope exam, following a standard visual exam, you can be confident you have received the most comprehensive oral cancer screening available.

Who should have a Velscope exam?

The American Cancer Society recommends that patients have a complete soft tissue examination (standard visual exam) at least once a year.

Increased Risk: Patients age 18-39 **with no** lifestyle risk factors

High Risk: Patients age 40 and older **with no** risk factors OR patients age 18-39 **with** lifestyle risk.

Highest Risk: Patients age 40 and older **with** lifestyle risk factors or patients with a history of oral cancer

Lifestyle risk factors for oral cancer include:

- Tobacco use (any type, any age, within 10 years)
- Alcohol consumption of at least 1 drink per day (3 ounces of hard liquor, 4 ounces of wine, or 12 ounces of beer).