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## CONSENT FORM ORAL CANCER SCREENING

COMPLETE FOR EACH PATIENT AND PLACE IN RECORDS OF PATIENT.

In our practice, as your healthcare provider, we seek to provide you access to the newest and most effective scientific screening and treatment. In 2009 Trimira LLC introduced the Identafi™ 3000 which is a multispectral medical device that greatly enhances our ability to find early signs of cancer and dysplasia in the mouth. Historically our practice has used white light in examination for oral cancer. The use of narrow band violet light and green-amber reflected light helps us detect in the oral tissue various problems including cancer lesions and dysplasia.

Early detection of oral cancer is important to being able to provide early treatment and avoidance of the problems which arise from late stage detection of oral cancer. You may review on the reverse side of this page the symptoms and the factors contributing to oral cancer. You may also discuss with us your questions related to detection of oral cancer.

The Oral Cancer Foundation advises that one American dies every hour from oral cancer. Late detection of oral cancer is the primary cause that both the incidence and mortality rates of oral cancer continue to increase. As with most cancers, age is the primary risk factor for oral cancer. Tobacco and alcohol use are other major predisposing risk factors but more than 25% of oral cancer victims have no such life style risk factors. Recently scientists have established a connection between HPV viral infection in the mouth and the occurrence of oral cancer.

**Yes.** I request that the clinician perform the Identafi™ 3000 examination. I accept financial responsibility for this examination.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**No.** I would prefer not to have this examination at this time.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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## **Symptoms**

Early Indicators:

- Red and/or white discolorations of the soft tissues of the mouth
- A Sore that does not heal within 14 days
- Hoarseness that lasts 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 Risk Factors (Controllable and Un-controllable)**

- Tobacco use
- Excessive alcohol consumption
- Using both tobacco and alcohol
- Use of betel nut & bedis
- HPV viral infection

