# **Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Screening**

### PROVIDENCE Cancer Institute

## **Cancer Screening** SAVES LIVES

**EARLY DIAGNOSIS** can more than double your chances for survival

## **RISK FACTORS**

#### **TOBACCO**

All tobacco products are linked to head and neck cancer

#### **ALCOHOL**

Drinking any type of alcohol raises the risk of getting cancers of the mouth, throat, and voice box

#### SUN EXPOSURE

A major cause of cancer on the lips

#### HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS (HPV) INFECTION

About 70% of cancers in the oropharynx (back of the throat, including the base of the tongue and tonsils) are linked to HPV, a common sexually transmitted virus.

#### **EPSTEIN-BARR VIRUS EXPOSURE**

Raises the risk of cancers in the nose, behind the nose, and cancers of the salivary glands



550K

40+

Worldwide, over 550,000 new cases of oral, head and neck cancer are diagnosed each year

These cancers are more than two times as common in men as in women

People over the age of 40 have a higher risk for these cancers, but they can also occur at younger age

## **REDUCE YOUR RISK**

TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

DO NOT SMOKE LIMIT **ALCOHOL** 

**OR USE ANY** TOBACCO

#### **UNDER AGE 46, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT HPV VACCINES**

The HPV vaccine works best when given before any exposure to HPV.

#### VISIT THE DENTIST REGULARLY

These cancers may not be found until they cause problems. Sometimes changes are seen during a routine doctor / dentist visit

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and The American Cancer Society

To learn more about Oral, Head and Neck cancer screening: providenceoregon.org/ohncancerscreening 503-215-6014