

HEAD & NECK CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY HEAD & NECK SURGERY

Join us for a FREE Head & Neck Cancer screening on

APRIL 12, 2024

from

12:30 PM-4 PM

on the

2ND FLOOR

of the

**CANCER
HOSPITAL**

WHAT ARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF ORAL CANCERS?

The signs and symptoms of oral cancer often go unnoticed. However, there are a few visible signs associated with these cancers that require immediate attention, including:

- A sore in your mouth that doesn't heal or that increases in size
- Persistent pain in your mouth
- Lumps or white or red patches inside your mouth
- Difficulty chewing or swallowing or moving your tongue
- Soreness in your throat or feeling that something is caught in your throat
- Changes in your voice
- A lump in your neck

WHO SHOULD BE SCREENED?

Every adult. Tobacco and alcohol users traditionally have been considered the populations at greatest risk for these cancers. However, oral cancer cases are on the rise in younger adults who do not smoke, and recent research indicates this development is due partly to the increase of the human papillomavirus (HPV) virus, a cancer-causing infection that can be transmitted by oral sex. HPV-related oral cancers are more difficult to detect because these cancers usually occur on the back of the tongue or on the tonsils, providing even more reason to get screened regularly.