

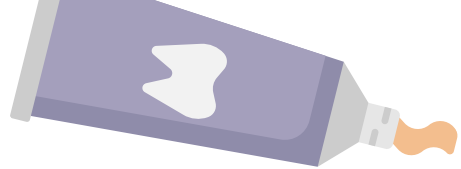
HOW YOUR DENTIST AND HYGIENIST CAN HELP PREVENT CANCER

- Dentists and hygienists complete an oral cancer screening to check your mouth
- **How they Check**
 - They hold your tongue with gauze
 - They check your tongue, mouth, and throat
 - They feel around your jaw and neck
- Dentists and hygienists look for oral cancer and other diseases of the mouth



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DID YOU KNOW?!

- HPV is a common virus in both men and women
- A person may not know they have the HPV virus until years after they were infected
- HPV vaccination can help reduce the risk of developing disease!



HPV VACCINE & DENTAL SCREENINGS

WHAT IS HPV?

HPV is short for Human Papillomavirus

It is a common virus that affects nearly 80 million people in the United States.

HPV can lead to several health issues and cancers

Infection can lead to development of genital warts and cancers including: cervical, vulvar, vaginal, penile, and head and neck cancers.



WHEN TO GET VACCINATED



Vaccination can begin as early as 9 years old. Everyone ages 11 or 12 years old should receive the HPV vaccine.



Vaccination is recommended for all up to age of 26.



2-dose series is recommended for those between 9-14 years of age.



Early vaccination is encouraged!

ORAL HEALTH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF YOUR OVERALL HEALTH!



WHAT TO KNOW

- Make sure your dentist or hygienist knows about changes in your health and medications.
- Be sure to let your doctor know how often you see your dentist or hygienist

