

ORAL CANCER

DIAGNOSIS & DEATHS

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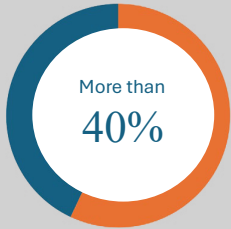
NEW CASES

of Oral Cancer in Mississippi

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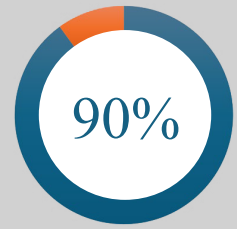
DEATHS

from Oral Cancer in Mississippi



of those diagnosed with oral cancer **die within five years.**

Early detection can more than double a patient's chances of survival up to



ORAL CANCER BY GENDER



72.38 %



27.62 %

ORAL CANCER BY RACE

White **75.60**

Black **22.18 %**

Others **2.22 %**

SYMPTOMS OF ORAL CANCER

Ulcers which do not heal within two weeks

Lumps or swelling in the mouth or head & neck area

Persistent pain or tenderness when swallowing

Red & white patches in the mouth

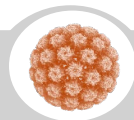
RISK FACTORS FOR ORAL CANCER



Tobacco use



Alcohol use



Exposure to the HPV-16 virus



Risk is **15X greater** for people who both smoke & drink

HOW TO PREVENT

Avoid Tobacco and Alcohol

Regular Dental Check-ups

Get HPV Vaccine

Eat Balanced Diet

