

THE WORD OF MOUTH ON ORAL CANCER

DIAGNOSIS AND DEATHS

450

NEW CASES

of oral cancer each year in
MISSISSIPPI

122

DEATHS

from oral cancer each year in
MISSISSIPPI



more than half
of those diagnosed
with oral cancer
die within five years

Early Diagnosis
increases patients' chances
of survival

50% → 80% – 90%

RISK FACTORS FOR ORAL CANCER



Tobacco Use:

Risk increases with use



Alcohol Use



Exposure to the
HPV-16 virus



The risk is
15X greater
for people who both
smoke and drink



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