

Mouth Cancer Facts

- The incidence of mouth cancer has increased by over 80% in Britain since the 1970s’.
- Cigar and pipe smokers put themselves at a great risk of developing mouth cancer than cigarette smokers.
- 86% of cases are diagnosed in those over 50 years of age.
- Mouth cancer kills 1 person every 3 hours in the UK because of late detection.
- The Human Papilloma Virus is estimated to overtake smoking as the number one cause of mouth cancer in the future.
- Mouth cancer is 2.5 times higher in those with periodontal disease.
- Mouth cancer is 60 times higher in people with 6 or more missing teeth.



Figure: Brookview Dental Care’s Blue Lip Selfie

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Mouth Cancer Risk Factors:

- Alcohol
- Smoking Tobacco
- Chewing Tobacco or Gutkha
- Family History
- Age
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Immunosuppression
- Poor Diet
- Sunlight and sunbeds
- Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)



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