

# LYNN ROAD DENTAL PRACTICE

## A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO MOUTH CANCER

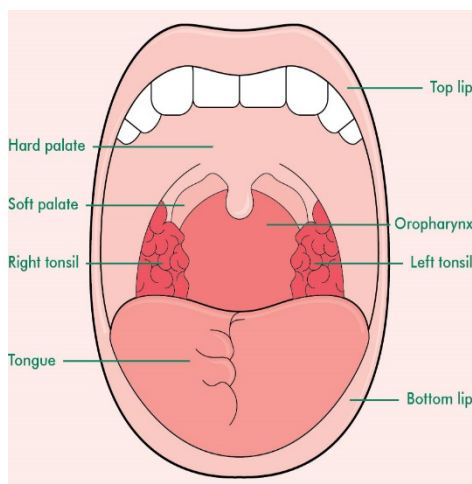
### What is mouth cancer?

Mouth cancer (also known as oral cancer) is one of the most common types of head and neck cancer. It can start in any part of the mouth.

### THE MOUTH

Mouth cancer can develop in any part of the mouth. The mouth (oral cavity) includes the:

- lips
- tongue
- floor of the mouth (under the tongue)
- inside lining of the cheeks and on the lips
- roof of the mouth (the hard palate)
- area behind the wisdom teeth
- upper and lower gums.



During your exam appointment the dentist as well as looking at your teeth and gums will also exam the soft tissues of the mouth. The dentist may ask you questions about your alcohol intake and smoking habits.

Why? Mouth cancer can affect anyone, but heavy smoking and high alcohol intake can cause a higher risk.

If you have any concerns speak to your dentist or our reception team, you don't have to wait for your examination appointment.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/mouth-cancer](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/mouth-cancer)