

# THE WORD OF MOUTH ON ORAL CANCER

## DIAGNOSIS AND DEATHS\*

**410**  
**NEW CASES**  
of oral cancer in  
**MISSISSIPPI**

**117**  
**DEATHS**  
from oral cancer in  
**MISSISSIPPI**



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

**Early Diagnosis**  
increases patients chances  
of survival to

**50%** → **80%-90%**

## RISK FACTORS FOR ORAL CANCER



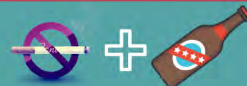
**Tobacco Use:**  
Risk increases with use



**Alcohol Use**



Exposure to the  
**HPV-16 virus**



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



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