## advanced dental practice



Mouth Cancer Action Month is upon us from the 1st November - 31st November.

Anyone can be affected by mouth cancer, whether you have your teeth or not. Sadly over 1,800 people lose their lives to mouth cancer each year, many of which could have been prevented if the disease had been caught early enough.



Mouth cancer can appear in different forms and can affect all parts of the mouth, tongue and lips.

Mouth cancer can appear as a painless ulcer that does not heal normally. A white or red patch in the mouth can also develop into a cancer, as can any unusual lumps or swellings.

It is important to visit your dentist if these areas do not heal within three weeks.



As a matter of routine, our dentists check every patient for signs of oral (mouth) cancer when they visit. We use the VELscope®- a sophisticated non-invasive tool which allows us to detect a number of conditions, including oral cancer, much earlier than conventional screening methods.