

Local dentists call attention to Oral Cancer Awareness

All in the Family Dental Care will be donating to Mary's Place by the Sea

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WALL TOWNSHIP— April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month and, according to the Oral Cancer Foundation, more than 49,000 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer this year.

Early detection can save lives, so all month long All in the Family Dental Care will be helping raise awareness by doing oral cancer screenings at their office and donating \$10 per screening to Mary's Place by the Sea.

An appointment is required and can be easily made by calling the office at (732) 449-2228.

Symptoms include persistent red ulcers, sudden tooth mobility without apparent cause, unusual oral bleeding and prolonged hoarseness.

Risk factors and certain lifestyle choices can have a great impact on the health of tissues and the overall health in the mouth.

Anyone who is a heavy drinker, smoker, or has a history of cancer or HPV, is advised to get regular screenings during dental visits.

The doctors at All in the Family Dental will hold an event with Mary's Place by the Sea on April 26 where

guests can receive information on all types of cancers.

An oral cancer screening is often performed with an ultraviolet light or similar device that allows a view of potential problems that can't always be detected by the human eye under normal conditions.

"Screening with tools such as Velscope are the most effective diagnostic modalities available today," said John G. Campi III, DMD. "They make early detection possible. When we can treat the problems small, the treatments are easier and more effective."