

**Q. Why Do We BrushTest®  
The Spots In Your Mouth?**

**A.** To help protect our patients  
from ever getting oral cancer



**Finding spots  
and testing  
them is the key  
to preventing  
oral cancer**



We perform a painless BrushTest® of common oral spots to help detect unhealthy cells while they are still harmless.

# Oral Cancer

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- Oral cancer kills about as many Americans as melanoma and twice as many as cervical cancer.
  - Oral Cancer is rising in women, young people and non-smokers.
  - Over 25% of oral cancer victims have no known risk factors.
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Almost every oral cancer starts as a small red or white precancerous spot, which can be seen during a careful oral examination. These spots may contain unhealthy (dysplastic) cells but are still harmless today and can typically be removed before they can progress to cancer.

# The Good News

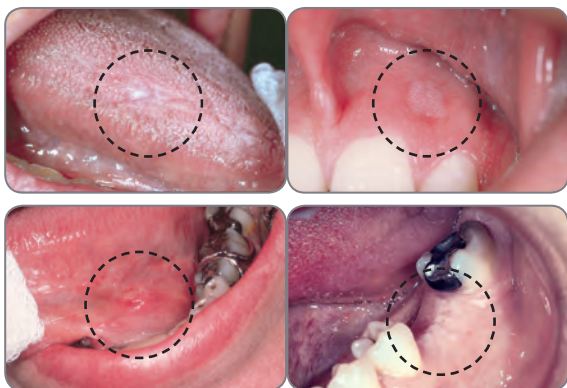
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We can now help protect you from oral cancer

As part of your routine exam, all areas of your mouth will be checked for any changes, including:

- Cheeks
- Gums
- All surfaces of your tongue
- Area underneath your tongue

We will look for small red and white spots which appear like these:



Most people will have a spot in their mouth at one time or another. Although the majority are caused by everyday trauma such as cheek biting or pizza burns, some contain unhealthy cells that if left alone could become a problem.

Your doctor has a painless test to sample these spots to help find unhealthy cells before they can harm you.

# Oral Cancer is Preventable

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How oral cancer can be stopped before it can even start:

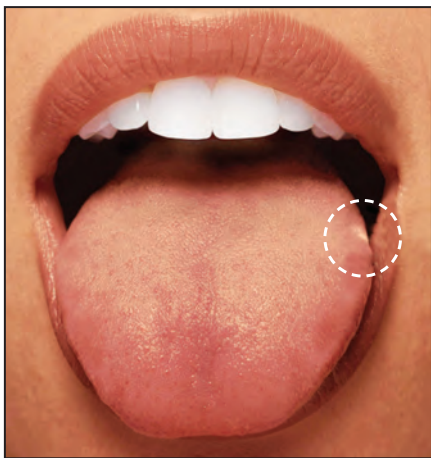
- 1. Find any spot(s).** Most people have a small white or red spot in their mouth at one time or another. These spots can be found during your oral examination, so be sure to routinely visit your doctor.
- 2. Test them to rule out precancer.** Although most of these spots do not contain unhealthy cells, a painless BrushTest of your spot can help rule out this possibility.
- 3. Remove any precancerous spot(s).** If precancerous cells are found by the laboratory, the spot can typically be removed long before it can become cancerous.

If you have any questions about how the BrushTest® works, feel free to call OralCDx at 877.71.BRUSH (877.712.7874).



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# Your doctor can help prevent oral cancer before it ever starts



## What You Should Know:

### 1. ORAL SPOTS ARE COMMON

Most people will have tiny white or red spots in their mouth at one time or another.

### 2. ORAL SPOTS SHOULD BE TESTED

Although the vast majority of these spots do not contain unhealthy cells, your doctor may perform the BrushTest® to rule out abnormality.

### 3. MOST ORAL CANCER IS PREVENTABLE

If abnormal cells are identified, they can then typically be removed - years before they can harm you.