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

50% 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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*Data: Mississippi Cancer Registry, 2015