

Risk Factors

- More common in men than women
- Most common in African Americans
- Greater risk after age 35
- Tobacco use
- Frequent alcohol consumption
- Prolonged exposure to sunlight (lip cancer)
- A diet low in fruits and vegetables
- The sexually transmitted infection HPV

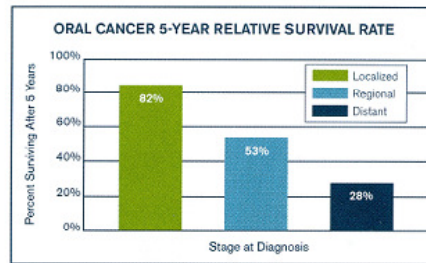
Approximately 25% of oral cancer cases have no known risk factors.

Symptoms

- Red and/or white patches in the mouth
- Any sore that doesn't heal within 14 days
- Persistent hoarseness
- Feeling like something is caught in the throat
- Difficulty moving the jaw or tongue
- Difficulty in swallowing
- Ear pain on one side only
- A sore under a denture that doesn't heal
- A lump or thickening in the mouth or on the neck

Oral cancer 5-year relative survival rate

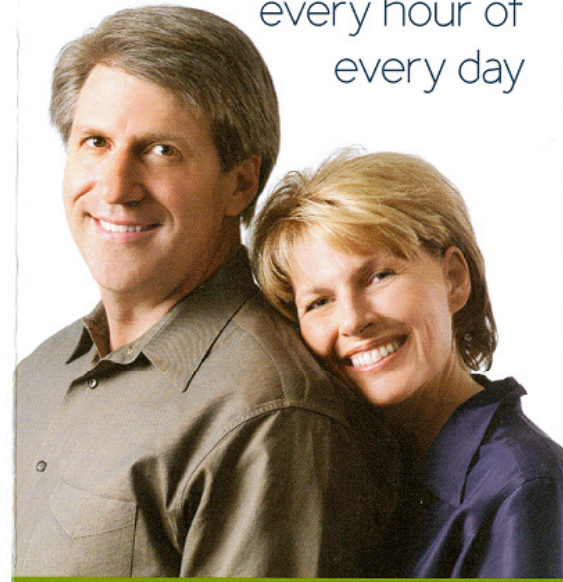
- Localized cancer (before it spreads): 82%
- Regional cancer (spread to nearby organs): 53%
- Distant cancer (spread to distant organs): 28%



Source: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
[http://www.nidocr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Oral Cancer/OralCancerStatistics.htm](http://www.nidocr.nih.gov/OralHealth/Topics/Oral%20Cancer/OralCancerStatistics.htm)

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oral cancer nearly
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