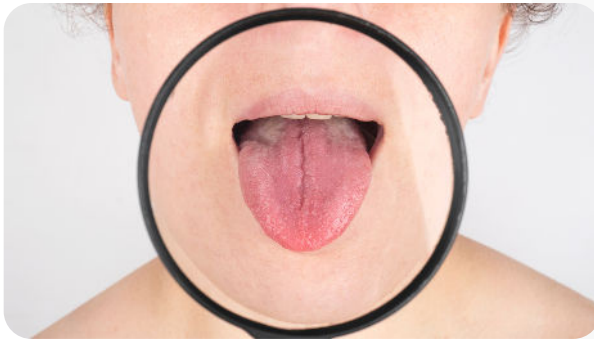


# ORTHODONTIC SPECIALIST P.C

*Dr. Michael Donato*

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## **APRIL IS ORAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

Dr. Donato performs a visual and digital oral cancer screening at the start of every new case as well as part of a mid treatment progress exam. The exam takes less than a minute, and if there are any abnormal findings, he will refer the patient to the dentist or oral surgeon for further evaluation.

## **10 FACTS ABOUT ORAL CANCER THAT MAY SURPRISE YOU**

- Oral Cancer is 2x as common in men as in women
- About 95% of oral cancer cases occur for people over the age of 40. However, this cancer can affect all ages
- One in four of those diagnosed with Oral Cancer did not have any risk factors
- All forms of tobacco and alcohol are major risk factors for oral cancer
- Close to 53,000 Americans will be diagnosed with oral or oropharyngeal cancer this year
- Oral cancer kills roughly 1 person per hour, 24 hours per day.
- Regular dental checkups can provide early detection of oral cancer
- Ulcers and lumps in your mouth are two symptoms of oral cancer
- Early diagnosis can double your chance of survival.
- Screening for Oral Cancer takes less than 10 minutes



## **OFFICE UPDATES**

**April 1st - 14th:** In office - Find the hidden egg during your appointment

**April 15th - 30th:** Social Media Earth Day Contest - \$150 Gift Card !