

*Title: Oral Cancer Update: A Community Surgeon's Perspective*

Rising incidence of oral cancer in Ontario means most practices will encounter suspicious lesions. This session reviews current epidemiology, shifting patterns in the traditional risk factors of tobacco and alcohol, and oral potentially malignant disorders through a community surgeon's lens. Emphasis on what dentists need to recognize, when to biopsy or refer, and why early detection dramatically improves outcomes. Includes case documentation showing the difference 3 months can make.

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