



## Head and Neck Cancer Information

### Head and Neck Cancer Types

- Oral – lips, gums, inside cheeks, floor and roof of mouth, and the tongue
- Laryngeal – voice box and vocal cords
- Pharyngeal (throat) – tube inside the neck that starts behind the nose and ends at the esophagus
- Thyroid – gland in front of the neck below the voice box

### Symptoms

- A lump or swelling in the neck
- A sore in the mouth that won't heal or bleeds easily
- A lingering red or white patch in the mouth
- Frequent nose bleeds, persistent nasal congestion or chronic sinus infections
- Continuous sore throat, hoarseness, or voice change
- Persistent neck, throat, or ear pain
- Blood in the sputum
- Difficulty swallowing, chewing or moving the jaw or tongue
- Numbness of the tongue or mouth
- Loosening teeth
- Dentures that don't fit
- Mole changes or discoloration or even present crusting or open sore

### Diagnosis

- Blood tests
- Biopsy
- Endoscopy
- Imaging
- MRI (magnetic resonance imaging)
- CT (computed tomography)
- Ultrasound
- PET