

# Factors Affecting Awareness of Oral Cancer: A Cross-Sectional Study from a One-Day Free Consultation Camp in Karachi

Syed Mohsin Abbas Abidi, Syed Imtiaz Ahmed Jafry, Syeda Zeenat Raza Rizvi  
and Syed Muhammad Zulfiqar Hyder Naqvi

Study ID \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND CHALLENGES QUESTIONNAIRE			
<b>Demographic Questions</b>			
Age (years)		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Marital Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Widowed/ Separated	Occupation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Housewife
Education:	<input type="checkbox"/> Illiterate <input type="checkbox"/> Able to Read and Write <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation or Above	Monthly Household Income:	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to Rs. 15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Rs. 16,000 or More

## Awareness Questions

Sr. #	Questions	Yes	No
1.	Can poor oral hygiene play an important role in development of cancerous lesion?		
2.	Can smoking affect the development of cancerous lesions?		
3.	Can chewing tobacco/pan/betel nut affect the development of cancerous lesions?		
4.	Can drinking alcohol affect the development of cancerous lesions?		
5.	Can any chronic irritation/traumatic lesion affect the development of cancerous lesions?		
6.	Can a non-healing ulcer be a pre-cancerous lesion?		
7.	Can any red/white patch or spot in the oral cavity be a pre-cancerous lesion?		
8.	Can any overgrowth/lump be a pre-cancerous lesion?		
9.	Can the frequency of dental visits have an impact on development of a cancerous lesion in terms of its early detection?		
10.	Can having a balanced lifestyle have an impact on preventing the development of an oral cancer?		
11.	Can early detection of some cancers improve the chances of successfully treating them?		
12.	Should a dentist be visited in case of a painless non-burning wound in oral cavity?		
13.	Should a dentist be visited in case of a red or white color change within the oral cavity?		
14.	Can an oral cancer be fatal if left untreated?		
15.	Can an oral cancer manifest without any initial complaint or symptom?		
16.	Can a painless projected growth in the neck be a sign of an oral cancer?		