

**CDC/NIDCR Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Data Resource Center**  
**Survey Questions**  
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## Oral Cancer

### Q.MCQ.220, NHANES, 1999–2004; 2005–2006

{Have you/Has SP} ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that {you/s/he} had cancer or a malignancy of any kind?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

### Q.MCQ.230, NHANES, 1999–2004; 2005–2006

What kind of cancer was it?

- 1 Bladder
- 2 Blood
- 3 Bone
- 4 Brain
- 5 Breast
- 6 Cervix (cervical)
- 7 Colon
- 8 Esophagus (esophageal)
- 9 Gallbladder
- 10 Kidney
- 11 Larynx/windpipe
- 12 Leukemia
- 13 Liver
- 14 Lung
- 15 Lymphoma/Hodgkins' disease
- 16 Melanoma
- 17 Mouth/tongue/lip
- 18 Nervous system
- 19 Ovary (ovarian)
- 20 Pancreas (pancreatic)
- 21 Prostate
- 22 Rectum (rectal)
- 23 Skin (non-melanoma)
- 24 Skin (don't know what kind)
- 25 Soft tissue (muscle or fat)
- 26 Stomach
- 27 Testis (testicular)
- 28 Thyroid
- 29 Uterus (uterine)
- 30 Other
- 66 More than 3 kinds
- 77 Refused

**Q.Z6, NHIS, 1990**

What is one early sign of mouth cancer?

- 1 White patches in mouth which are not painful
- 2 Red patches in mouth which are not painful
- 3 Sore/lesion in mouth which does not heal
- 4 Sore/lesion in mouth
- 8 Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Don't know

**Q.Z7, NHIS, 1990**

I am going to read a list of things which may or may not increase a person's chances of getting mouth or lip cancer. For each of these, tell me if you think it definitely increases, probably increases, probably does not, or definitely does not increase a person's chances of getting mouth or lip cancer...

Excessive exposure to sunlight?

- 1 Definitely increases
- 2 Probably increases
- 3 Probably does not increase
- 4 Definitely does not increase
- 5 Don't know/no opinion

Eating hot spicy foods?

- 1 Definitely increases
- 2 Probably increases
- 3 Probably does not increase
- 4 Definitely does not increase
- 5 Don't know/no opinion

Regular alcohol drinking?

- 1 Definitely increases
- 2 Probably increases
- 3 Probably does not increase
- 4 Definitely does not increase
- 5 Don't know/no opinion

Tobacco use in any form?

- 1 Definitely increases
- 2 Probably increases
- 3 Probably does not increase
- 4 Definitely does not increase
- 5 Don't know/no opinion

Frequently biting the cheek or lip?

- 1 Definitely increases
- 2 Probably increases
- 3 Probably does not increase
- 4 Definitely does not increase
- 5 Don't know/no opinion

### Q.AOH.100\_00.000, NHIS, 2008

Have you ever heard of an exam for oral or mouth cancer?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

### Q.Q1a, b, c, NHIS, 1992

a. Have you ever had a test for oral cancer in which the doctor or dentist pulls on your tongue, sometimes with a gauge wrapped around it, and feels under the tongue and inside the cheeks?

- 0 I think so
- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know, not sure

b. How many times have you been checked for oral cancer in your lifetime?

\_\_\_\_\_Times  
99 Don't know

c. Is it less than 10, 10 to 20, or more than 20 times?

- 1 Less than 10
- 2 10 to 20
- 3 More than 20
- 9 Don't know

### Q.AOH.110\_00.000, NHIS, 2008

Have you ever had an exam for oral cancer in which the doctor, dentist or other health professional pulls on your tongue, sometimes with gauze wrapped around it, and feels under the tongue and inside the cheeks?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

### Q.AOH.120\_00.000, NHIS, 2008

Have you ever had an exam for oral cancer in which the doctor, dentist or other health professional feels your neck?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

**Q.Q2a, b, NHIS, 1992**

a. When did you have your most recent oral cancer exam?

\_\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year

or

\_\_\_\_\_ Number

- 1 Days ago
- 2 Weeks ago
- 3 Months ago
- 4 Years ago
- 99 Don't know

b. Was it within the past year, between 1 and 3 years ago, or over 3 years ago?

- 1 Within the past year
- 2 1 to 3 years ago
- 3 Over 3 years ago
- 99 Don't know

**Q.Q3, NHIS, 1992**

What type of medical person examined you when you had your last check-up for oral cancer?

- 1 Physician
- 2 Dentist
- 3 Dental hygienist
- 8 Other, specify \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Don't know

**Q.Q4, NHIS, 1992**

What was the main reason you had this check-up?

- 1 Because of a specific oral problem
- 2 Follow-up to a previous oral problem
- 3 Part of a routine physical exam
- 4 Part of a routine dental exam
- 8 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Don't know

**Q.AOH.140\_00.000, NHIS, 2008**

Did you have your most recent oral cancer exam during a routine check-up or because you were having a specific problem? (If respondent answers both code as part of a routine check-up).

- 1 Part of routine check-up
- 2 For a specific problem
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

**Q.Q5, NHIS, 1992**

Which of these do you think increases a person's chances of getting oral cancer, that is cancer of the lip, mouth, tongue, or throat?

- 1 Spending too much time in the sun
- 2 Excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages
- 3 Excessive coffee drinking
- 4 Smoking cigarettes, cigars, or a pipe
- 5 Use of chewing tobacco or snuff
- 7 Refused
- 8 Something else (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Don't know

**Q.PAI.230, NHIS, 1998**

Have you ever had a test for oral cancer in which the doctor or dentist pulls on your tongue, sometimes with gauge wrapped around it, and feels under the tongue and inside the cheeks?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know, not sure

**Q.PAI.240, NHIS, 1998**

When did you have your most recent oral cancer exam? Was it a year ago or less, more than 1 year but not more than 2 years, more than 2 years but not more than 3 years, more than 3 years, but not more than 5 years, or over 5 years ago?

- 1 A year ago or less
- 2 More than 1 year but not more than 2 years
- 3 More than 2 years but not more than 3 years
- 4 More than 3 years but not more than 5 years
- 5 Over 5 years ago
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

**Q.ACN.130, NHIS, 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007**

Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had...cancer or a malignancy of any kind?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

**Q.ACN.140, NHIS, 1998; 1999; 2000;2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007**

What kind of cancer was it?

- 1 Bladder
- 2 Blood
- 3 Bone

- 4 Brain
- 5 Breast
- 6 Cervix
- 7 Colon
- 8 Esophagus
- 9 Gallbladder
- 10 Kidney
- 11 Larynx-windpipe
- 12 Leukemia
- 13 Liver
- 14 Lung
- 15 Lymphoma
- 16 Melanoma
- 17 Mouth/tongue/lip
- 18 Ovary
- 19 Pancreas
- 20 Prostate
- 21 Rectum
- 22 Skin (non-melanoma)
- 23 Skin (Don't know what kind)
- 24 Soft tissue (muscle or fat)
- 25 Stomach
- 26 Testis
- 27 Throat (pharynx)
- 28 Thyroid
- 29 Uterus
- 30 Other
- 96 More than 3 kinds
- 97 Refused
- 99 Don't know

**Q.ACN.150, NHIS, 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005; 2006; 2007**

How old were you when cancer was first diagnosed?

- \_\_\_\_\_ years
- 97 Refused
- 99 Don't know

**Q.NAH.010, 040, 080, 110, 140, 170, NHIS, 2000**

We would like to ask you a few questions about your family history of cancer. Did your [biological father/biological mother/brothers/sisters/sons/daughters] ever have cancer of any kind?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Adopted or don't know biological father/biological mother
- 7 Refused
- 9 Don't know

**Q.NAH.020, 050, 090, 120, 150, 180, NHIS, 2000**

What kind of cancer did your [father/mother/brother/sister/son/daughter] have?

- 1 Bladder
- 2 Blood
- 3 Bone
- 4 Brain
- 5 Breast
- 7 Colon
- 8 Esophagus
- 9 Gallbladder
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**Q.CE04, MEPS, 1996; 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004; 2005**

Did (person) have any physical or mental health problems, accidents or injuries? [Please include all conditions, accidents, or injuries for which (person) saw a medical provider or took medications. Also include other physical or mental health problems affecting (person) since (start date), even if no treatment or medications were received for this problem during this period.]

- 1 Yes\_\_\_\_\_ (coded according to ICD-9)
- 2 No
- 7 Ref
- 8 Don't know

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