

# Address HPV-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer with Your Patients

## WHY

- American Dental Association and American Dental Hygienists Association policies recommend screening for oropharyngeal cancer.
- 80% of oropharyngeal cancers are caused by the Human Papillomavirus (HPV-types 16 and 18). White non-smoking males ages 35-55 are most at risk.
- A safe, effective HPV vaccine helps prevent six HPV-associated cancers. Colorado statistics show only 49%\* of children age 13-17 are up to date on this vaccine.

\*2020 data from CDPHE CIIS

## WHO

- Dental offices play a critical role in educating about HPV, oropharyngeal cancer, the HPV cancer vaccine, and screening for oral and oropharyngeal cancer.

## WHAT

- Set your dental office apart: Provide the most comprehensive care in oral and oropharyngeal cancer prevention and screening.
- Collaborate with the Alliance for HPV Free Colorado to increase awareness about HPV, oropharyngeal cancer, the HPV cancer vaccine, and thorough screening for oral and oropharyngeal cancer.



## Project Components

- Complete dental specific HPV, oral, and oropharyngeal cancer CE
- Integrate HPV and vaccine information into workflow
- Screen for oral and oropharyngeal cancer
- Identify methods for data collection
- Meet with Alliance Facilitator for customized support, tools, and evaluation
- Ensure continued success and sustainability using an approach tailored for your dental office

## Project Timeline

6-12 months \*all projects set to end June 2024

## Benefits of Participating

- Up to **\$3,000 financial incentive** for participating in a HPV dental pilot project
- AGD PACE CE
- Ongoing support including resources for dental team and patients
- Opportunity for medical dental integration if available

**To receive this CE and get your office involved, contact:**

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The Alliance for HPV Free Colorado uses a multidisciplinary approach to sustainably increase the completion of the HPV vaccine series for youth ages 9-17.

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