

Soundbite script - No lip service when it comes to oral cancer

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"It can be a little mouth sore. Oh, maybe I bit my tongue or have a little bump on my lip or a bump on the back of my throat. Or I can feel this bump under my tongue. There could be bumps or there could be something else brewing that we have no idea." (:17)

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"I believe it's due to the fact that men tend to smoke more, drink more and lack follow up appointments with providers. Men tend to procrastinate; they tend to be like, 'Oh, we're good.' I believe that's the reason why the increase in this population is on the rise." (:20)

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"Smoking is one of the worst things you can invest in. I tell people who smoke to 'try and stop.' Because smoking is attributed to many forms of cancer and oral cancer is one of them." (:19)

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"Know when something is not right. Have a regular routine checkup with your dentist. And follow up with your doctor when something is not right. I need patients to have an established relationship with a doctor." (:15)