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Oral cancer is one of the most pernicious epithelial malignancies in the world, whose incidence is on the rise. Despite progress in diagnosis and treatment of oral cancer, the 5-year survival rates over the past twenty years have remained at about 50%. Oral cancer disproportionately affects underserved minorities in the US and in developing countries.

The Oral Cancer Research Initiative (OCRI) is a focused multidisciplinary collaborative that brings together basic scientists, clinicians, public health researchers, engineers, chemists and computational biologists to work on diverse issues related to oral cancer.

Our mission: to elucidate the mechanisms of oral cancer development and progression and to expedite translation of research findings toward diagnosis, prevention, treatment and cure of oral cancer. Our multidisciplinary effort will align research on oral cancer with societal needs.



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