



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER™

# News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 4, 2023

CONTACT: Suzanna Cisneros, [Suzanna.cisneros@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Suzanna.cisneros@ttuhsc.edu)  
(806) 773-4242

### **TTUHSC Offers Free Head and Neck Cancer Screenings**

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Department of Otolaryngology (ENT) will host a Head and Neck Cancer Screening Day at 9 a.m. April 7 at The Free Clinic located at Lubbock Impact, 2707 34th Street.

April is Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Month. According to the National Cancer Institute head and neck cancers account for approximately 3% of all cancers in the United States. These cancers are nearly twice as common among men as they are among women. Also head and neck cancers are more often diagnosed among people over the age of 50 than they are among younger people.

“The Head and Neck Cancer Screening Day will provide free cancer screenings for anyone who comes by appointments or walk-in,” Yusuf Dunder, M.D., TTUHSC ENT surgeon, said. “We are excited to host this opportunity for the community.”

Alcohol and tobacco use are the two most important risk factors for head and neck cancers. At least 75 % of head and neck cancers can be linked to alcohol and tobacco use. Human papillomavirus (HPV) is another risk factor for some types of head and neck cancers. Specifically, HPV-16 is a risk factor for oropharyngeal cancers that involve the tonsils or base of the tongue.

Regular screening tests can detect these cancers early on when treatment will be most effective.

Appointments must be made by phone. For more information and to make an appointment, call (806) 370-7472.