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6 Dentists offer free oral cancer screenings to underserved Latinos Friday

Share By [Mary Ann Roser](#) | Thursday, September 30, 2010, 03:33 PM

Local dentists will offer free oral cancer screenings Friday from 8 a.m. to noon at the [Mexican Consulate](#), 410 Baylor St., as part of [Binational Health Week](#), an effort to improve the health of underserved Latinos.

The Jack T. Clark Foundation, an affiliate of the [Texas Academy of General Dentistry](#), is making the screenings possible in partnership with the [Ventanilla de Salud Program](#), which provides health education, screenings and medical referrals to Latinos in partnership with the Mexican Consulate.

Since 2001, dentists have screened more than 9,000 people through the Jack T. Clark Foundation, and nearly 6 percent have been referred to a dentist for a follow-up exam, according to the dental academy. Risk factors for oral cancer include tobacco use, alcohol use and prolonged exposure to the sun, the dental academy said.

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September 30, 2010 4:50 PM | [Link to this](#)

Nice that they offer that, really. However it's too bad that it has to have racist intentions. Why not just screen anybody? If it were all whites, it would be racism.....this is the same thing.

By Eddie Long Smokes Sausage
September 30, 2010 5:06 PM | [Link to this](#)

It's not the same thing at all. When racists talk about "reverse racism" or about discriminated-against minorities being the racists, it's clear they have no understanding of racism.

By Roadgeek
September 30, 2010 9:59 PM | [Link to this](#)

Please, Eddie....instead of being condescending and patronizing to the first commenter about how clueless they are about racism.....why don't you illuminate us both with how this whole setup isn't racist. Instead of assuming we "have no understanding", turn this into a teaching moment and share your wisdom. How can racism be only one way?

By Big Tex
September 30, 2010 10:06 PM | [Link to this](#)

Is there any way to get ICE to volunteer their time to assist in this partnership with the Mexican Consulate?

By Texas Two Stepper
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Bottom line: if the event and article included the phrase 'underserved whites,' there would be an uproar. Can't have it both ways.

By Public Health
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This is a great opportunity to promote preventative health. When people (regardless

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