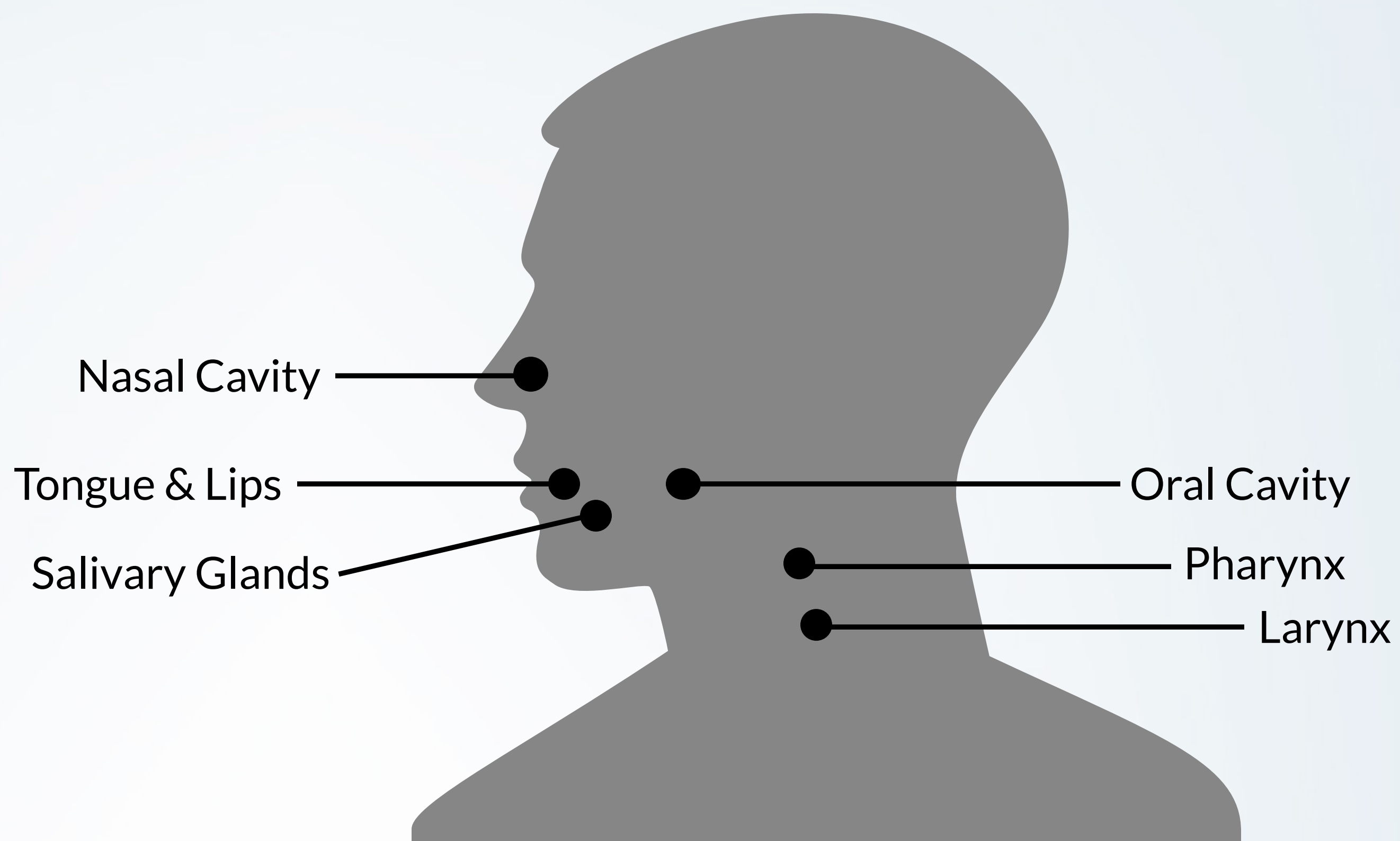


Head & Neck Cancer in Illinois

Cancers that start in the lips, mouth, throat, voicebox, sinus cavities, nasal cavity, or salivary glands are collectively known as *head and neck cancers*.



OVER 1,800

Illinoisans were diagnosed with head and neck cancer in 2016

OVER 400

Illinoisans died of head and neck cancer in 2016

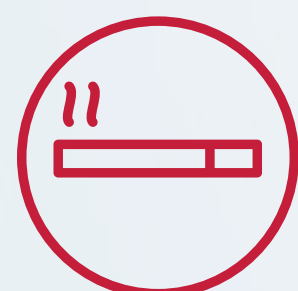
ALMOST 3%

Of all cancer cases diagnosed in Illinois from 2012-2016 were head and neck cancers

TWICE

as many men as women get head & neck cancers

Risk Factors



Tobacco use



Heavy alcohol use



Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Tobacco use and alcohol are associated with **most** head & neck cancers. Fortunately, the number of cancers caused by these behaviors is falling.

The number of head and neck cancers caused by HPV is **INCREASING**.

For help quitting tobacco, call the Illinois Quitline
1-866-QUIT-YES

Safe sex practices and HPV vaccination could help prevent these cancers.

SOURCES:

Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Cancer Registry, public data file, data as of November 2018.
National Cancer Institute: Head and Neck Cancers Fact Sheet

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