

Those of you having purchased LED Dental's VELscope may have discovered that while it appears to be a very useful tool for assisting in early oral cancer detection, documentation of your findings requires a bit of photo wizardry.

Fortunately, a number of photo equipment vendors have taken note of the VELscope and now provide several approaches to capturing the oral cavity through the lens of this diagnostic tool.

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If you've a previous model VELscope, this set can be had directly from Larry Blosser at (800) 200-3594 or www.jlblosser.com. This kit provides an assortment of adapters and a rudimentary list of camera setting recommendations. A certain amount of experimentation will allow you to dial in the settings that are right for your camera.

A somewhat different approach is offered by PhotoMed International Inc.

Its VELscope Photography kit, which is ordered camera-specific includes not only the coupler but a simple software application that allows the user to brighten the images for better viewing. (Please note: an SLR, to be appropriate for



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VELscope photography, requires an ISO capability of 1600 or better. Check your camera's specs!) For

more detail on the Photomed kit, please visit www.photomed.net and check under "accessories."

For those not owning an SLR type camera and choosing not to do so at this time, an alternative solution is DLC's DentalFoto VELscope system with LoLite adapter currently based upon the Canon Power Shot A650.

This camera-complete system offers a convenient approach to VELscope photography with the added benefit of video capability. For more information on this system, visit www.dlcenters.com.

Should you already own a Canon Powershot such as the A650 or a

similar point-and-shoot camera and wish to use it with your VELscope, a Doctorseyes close-up adapter and coupling ring kit is also available from Larry Blosser at (800) 200-3594 or www.jlblosser.com.

This author has tried all of the above implementations and has found that each has its merits. Above all it has been possible to obtain diagnostic quality images with all applications listed.

The user need merely select the scenario which best describes his or her "camera ready" state as well as any budget requirements.

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