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Gum Disease and General Medical Conditions

Recent Dental studies have shown that there is a direct relationship between certain medical conditions and Gum Disease.



If

your gums bleed when you brush,
you have a constant bad taste in your mouth,
your breath is not fresh,
you keep getting food stuck between your teeth

Then almost certainly you have gum disease and probably Periodontal Disease (the more destructive Gum disease).

Does This Matter

Of course it does!!!

The facts are quite clear that when you have gum disease you are more likely to suffer from heart disease and from strokes

More likely to have delayed recovery (This is especially true if you have gum disease and smoke)

Can Something Be Done?

Yes, and normally it involves just 3 simple steps

Dental Hygiene Treatment

Good Home Dental Hygiene

Regular Ongoing visits to see the dentist and Dental Hygienist

General Medical Conditions and Dental Health

Recent studies have shown a direct relationship between

Diabetes and Gum disease

Heart Disease and Gum disease

Live birth weight and Gum disease

Strokes and Gum disease

Mouth/Throat Cancers and Poor Oral Health

Mouth/Throat Cancers and Excessive Use of Some Mouthwashes

Diabetes and Gum disease

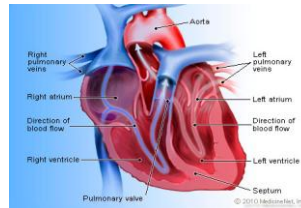


"Gum disease can happen more often, be more severe, and take longer to heal if you have diabetes. In turn, having gum disease can make your blood glucose hard to control. Some studies show that treating your gum disease makes it easier to control your blood glucose."

Strokes and Gum disease

Dr Nigel Carter, Chief Executive of the British Dental Health Foundation, said: "Obesity, alcohol abuse, poor diet and smoking are generally well-known risk factors which can cause strokes. Less well-known are the risks caused by gum disease. Recent studies have shown a direct relationship between

Heart Disease and Gum disease



"There are a lot of studies that suggest that oral health, and gum disease in particular, are related to serious conditions like heart disease," says periodontist Sally Cram, DDS, a spokeswoman for the American Dental Association.

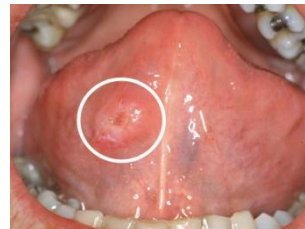
Live birth weight and Gum disease



Even when you consider other known risk factors for premature births and low birth weights, there clearly appears to be an association between gum disease (periodontitis) and premature births with low birth weights.

Mouth/Throat Cancers and Poor Oral Health

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