

Dental Health



Denture wearers are at particular risk to inflammation of the oral tissues. This happens most commonly when there is trauma induced by an ill-fitting denture and, probably of greatest significance, when the dentures are not cleaned sufficiently. Other problems can occur because the oral tissue is more easily hurt by external agents, such as hot meals or drinks, and some medication such as aspirin or vitamin C, which some persons dissolve in the mouth, causing tissue damage.

How to Recognize Dental Problems

- Mouth pain
- Bad taste in the mouth
- Swelling
- Inability to Chew
- Unwillingness to wear dentures
- Bad Oder
- Decrease in the amount of food eaten

If the roof of the mouth is red/scarlet, possibly with white patches and it is hurting, then it might be a fungus infection. The denture must be cleaned often (try Polydent™ or Efferdent™).

The dentist should be given a list of all medication (prescription and/or non-prescription) which you are taking. Call beforehand and let the dentist know about any complicated medical problems. Bring the phone number of the physician or specialist in case there's a question. This is important to avoid any interactions with a medication the dentist may use in the office or prescribe after a procedure.