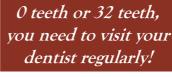
# Healthy Mouth for

## Life





Basic tooth and gum care:



- Remove denture when cleaning teeth and/or mouth
- Brush all teeth with a fluoride toothpaste 2 times a day
- Floss all teeth
- Wipe or softly brush all gums

### Denture Care

## Always:

- → Clean dentures over sink with a towel in it
- → Brush with soft denture brush and non-whitening toothpaste, denture cleaner or mouthwash
- → Store in water or cleaning solution
- → Store away from kids and pets

#### Never:

- Ø Boil dentures or put in hot water
- © Clean with bleach or household cleaners
- ØTry to repair on your own
- Ø Use glue on dentures

# Dry Mouth



Causes

Medications
Diabetes
Other diseases
Infections
Hormone changes
Chemotherapy
Radiation therapy





Also called xerostomia, dry mouth can be painful and cause problems in:

- tasting
- chewing
- swallowing
- speaking
- getting more cavities
- tooth sensitivity
- more mouth infections





#### **Treatments**

Saliva Substitutes
Sugar-free gum
Fluoride gel
Water
Chap-Stick use
Humidifier

#### Things to Avoid

Salty Foods Sticky Foods Caffeine Spicy Foods Sugary Foods Alcohol

Commercial Tobacco