

Gum Disease - Periodontal Disease

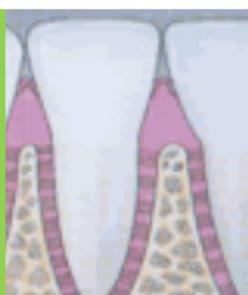
Gum or Periodontal Disease is a mouth disease that can be passed between people. It causes bad breath, bleeding gums, loose teeth, and teeth to be lost.

STAGES OF THE DISEASE:



HEALTH

- Gums are pink & firm
- No gum bleeding
- Teeth don't move



*Photos courtesy of Dr. G. Todd Smith



GINGIVITIS

- Gums are red, swollen, bleed, and tender
- Bad breath develops
- Disease is reversible



PERIODONTAL DISEASE

- Damage has happened
- Gums and bone are lost
- Teeth get "pockets" and may begin to move



ADVANCED DISEASE

- More damage occurs
- Teeth become loose
- Teeth may need to be taken out



Medical Conditions and Gum Disease

...they are related!

DIABETES - complications

- Increases gingivitis and periodontal disease
- Increases cavities
- Makes sugar (blood-glucose) levels worse
- Slows healing more
- Dries your mouth
- Gives burning mouth and tongue
- Increases fungus infections in the mouth



Gum disease increases the risk of:



HEART ATTACKS

HIGH CHOLESTEROL

Atherosclerosis
with blood clot



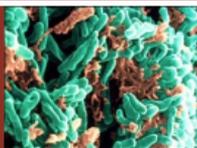
STROKES

PNEUMONIA



COPD

LUNG INFECTIONS



and **MANY** other medical conditions as well

A Healthy Mouth means A Healthy Body