Oral Health and the Human Body

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• The oral cavity is a reflection of overall health and well-being
• It is a key determinant of nutritional status, well-being and health/disease status
A thorough oral exam can uncover nutritional deficiencies, microbial infections, immune disorders and some forms of cancer.
Facial nerves have counterparts elsewhere in the body.

Common nerve related disorders of the head, neck, and face
The jaw bones and jaw joint function like other musculoskeletal regions of the body.
Clues to a disease can be discovered by analyzing saliva under a microscope.
Research is showing us that disease within the mouth—especially periodontal (gum) disease—is connected to ailments throughout the body. Infections in the mouth are a gateway for disease-causing bacteria to enter the bloodstream and provoke a number of diseases.
Emerging evidence shows a relationship between periodontal disease, cardiovascular disease and other chronic diseases — the common link is inflammation.

The presence of periodontal diseases may be associated with heart attacks, strokes, kidney disease, diabetes, preterm births and prosthetic joint complications.
If you have diabetes, what you put here can impact your gum health.

People with diabetes have a 2x greater risk of developing gum disease.
Respiratory diseases

From plague to gums to bone to teeth to lungs to blood and worse...
Association between Periodontal Disease and Peptic Ulcers among Japanese Workers: MY Health Up Study
Low birth weight and pregnancy complications
Erectile dysfunction
In conclusion...

- Regular dental visits allow many dental problems to be prevented.
- Regular dental visits may be the earliest means of detecting underlying systemic disease.
QUESTIONS?

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