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Dental health facts
Statistics you should know...

Annually, oral diseases may result in 2.4 million days of work lost in the United States.¹

Nearly one-third of all adults in the United States have untreated tooth decay.²

One in every two adults age 30 and older are suffering from periodontal disease.³

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 65 million Americans are affected by periodontal disease.³

Periodontal disease can lead to receding gums, bone damage, loss of teeth, and can increase the risk of other health problems such as heart disease and diabetes.³

Periodontal disease increases the risk of heart disease.⁴

Periodontal disease can also exacerbate existing heart conditions.⁴

Bacteria linked to periodontal disease traveled to the brains of people with Alzheimer’s disease, suggesting that dental hygiene plays a role in the development of the memory-robbing illness.⁵

The bacteria responsible for periodontal disease worsens Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) by leading to earlier onset, faster progression and greater severity of the disease, including increased bone and cartilage destruction.⁶

Studies indicate that compared to the general population, people with periodontal disease have an increased prevalence of RA and, periodontal disease is at least two times more prevalent in RA patients.⁶

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