Signs & Symptoms

Symptoms of Xerostomia (Dry Mouth)

- Dry mouth
- Sore mouth
- Burning mouth
- Change in taste
- Difficulty in eating
- Difficulty in chewing
- Difficulty in swallowing
- Persistent need for fluids
- Difficulty with denture retention

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- Inflammation of the oral mucosa
- Increased incidence of dental caries
- Recurrent yeast infections
- Recurrent salivary gland swelling

Periodontal Disease (gum disease)

Oral Cancer

■This year in the U.S., more than 30,000 cases of oral cancer will be diagnosed, and more than 8,000 people will die of the disease.

Heart Disease

■ Cardiovascular disease affects 57 million people in the U.S. and kills almost a million people each year.

Diabetes

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Respiratory Ailments

Respiratory disease like pneumonia, bronchitis, and emphysema affect millions of Americans annually. Bacteria Associated with periodontal disease can travel from the mouth to the lungs and lower respiratory system.

Osteoporosis

■ A condition that affects 10 million Americans and accounts for 1.5 million fractures per year.

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