



Epilepsy and Oral Health

3 million people in the U.S. have epilepsy

Over 150,000 new cases diagnosed annually

Oral health problems + epilepsy

- Antiepileptic drugs may lead to swollen, painful inflamed gums
- Certain antiepileptic drugs and other medications may cause dry mouth
- Risk of injury to teeth or jaw as an outcome of seizure

Symptoms of oral disease

- Gums that bleed easily and may be red, swollen or tender
- Pus between the teeth and gums
- Bad breath or bad taste in the mouth
- In severe cases, teeth can become increasingly loose

What can you do

Be sure to inform your dentist about your epilepsy and any medications you have been prescribed. Your dentist will help come up with a proactive plan for your care.

By making a commitment to daily oral health habits, dental problems can be controlled or limited.



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