THE MOUTH IS THE GATEWAY OF THE BODY

How Oral Health is Connected to the Whole Body

BRAIN

Gum disease is linked to the progression of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Harmful bacteria in the mouth increases your risk of blood clots and stroke.

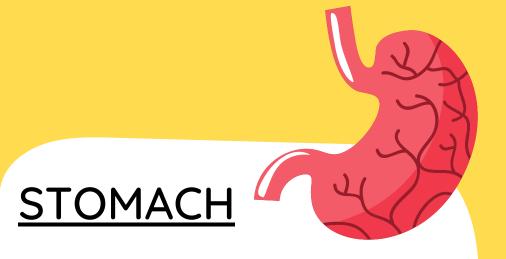


<u>LUNGS</u>

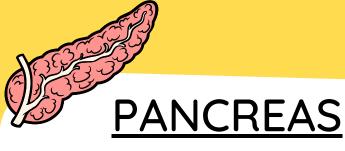
Harmful bacteria in plaque can be aspirated into the lungs increasing the risk of Pneumonia, Bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases.



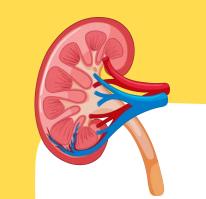
Inflammation and infections in the mouth have access to the bloodstream. This increases the risk of heart disease, heart attack, and blood clotting issues.



Oral bacteria can disrupt healthy gut bacteria and worsen Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Crohn's Disease, and Ulcerative Colitis



The pancreas' insulin production is impaired with Diabetes. Gum disease makes it harder to control blood sugar in Diabetics. Diabetes causes improper wound healing making it harder to stabilize oral infections.



KIDNEYS

Poor oral health causes infections that can increase the workload of kidneys. Gum disease creates instability in Diabetes that can lead to Kidney Disease.



<u>REPRODUCTIVE</u> <u>ORGANS</u>

Oral microbes can cross the placental barrier increasing infection risk to the fetus. Gum disease can cause pre-term labor and low birth weight. Uncontrolled gum disease leads to bone loss in the mouth that surrounds and supports the teeth.



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