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## ZERO CAVITY CLUB

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Celebrating all the women in our life

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in a woman's life
affect her oral health?

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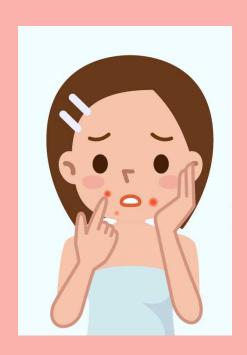
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A woman goes through many stages in her life and every stage brings about a number of changes in her body and hormonal balance, which in turn could affect her oral health.

### Stages in a woman"s life

Puberty



Increase in production of hormones make the gums over react and increases the risk of swollen, bleeding and unhealthy gums.

MONTHLY

MENSTRUATION

Progesterone levels decreases and causes swollen and bleeding gums



#### PREGNANCY



Both progesterone and estrogen level increase resulting in unhealthy gums, hence dental check ups a must and considered safe during pregnancy

#### MENOPAUSE

Decrease in estrogen
levels can cause dry
gums, dry mouth, loss of
bone in jaws.

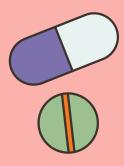






## Other courses leading to hormonal changes

• BIRTH CONTROL PILLS



They provoke gum diseases

POLYCYSTIC OVARIAN SYNDROME
 [PCOD]



PCOS can be the cause of oral issues such as gingivitis, gum sensitivity, bleeding gums, bad breath

#### **TIPS**

• See your dentist every six months or sooner if recommended



 Have a good dental hygiene routine, brush your teeth twice daily for 2 minutes with a flouridated toothpaste



 Stick to a healthy diet and limit sugars especially between meals



- Treat yourself to a new toothbrush every 3 months
- Remember to be honest with your dentist and openly communicate about any concerns or any health conditions you may have



- Remember that dental treatment when you are pregnant is safe
- Dont be afraid to ask questions





### A SIMPLE CLEANING CAN MAKE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE





## ONE SUCH WOMAN WHO HAS MOTIVATED US!!

Very nice place with good smiling Doctors and staff. I got my root canal done with a cap. Very good job done within 4 days time at my own convenience. The location is also very good and at a centralized place. Overall worth getting your dental check ups and treatments done here quickly and fast.

Mrs. Sarada Subramaniam



# Test Your Tooth Wisdom with our fun quiz!

#### 1. How often should you visit the dentist?

- a. Once a year
- b. Twice a year
- c. Once every two years
- d. Only when you have a dental issue

#### 2. How much toothpaste should a four year old child use?

- a. None
- b. Enough to cover the bristles of the tooth brush
- c.A pea sized amount

### 3. When should children start brushing their teeth (with adult help)?

- a. At age 2
- b. at age1
- c. When they first star getting teeth
- d. Before starting school

#### 4. Smokeless tobacco is better than cigarettes?

- a. Both are bad for your health
- b. Smokeless tobacco is safer
- c. Cigarettes are safer

#### 5. How long should you brush your teeth twice a day?

- a. One minute
- b. Two minute
- c. 90 seconds
- d. 30 seconds

### 6.Eating a healthy diet is important for both oral and overall health

- a. True
- b. False

#### 7. How often should you replace your toothbrush?

- a. Every 3-4 months
- b.Every month
- c. Every 5-6 months
- d. When worn or after being sick
- e. Both a and d

#### 8.A soft, sticky, whitish film attached to the tooth surface is?

- a. Enamel
- b. Plaque
- c. Dentin

#### 9. The number 1 healthcare problem in children is?

- a. Obesity
- b. Asthma
- c. Tooth decay
- d. Diabetes

#### **ANSWERS**

1.b 2.c 3.c 4.a 5.b 6.a 7.e 8.b 9.c

