

Common Oral Conditions

Many oral conditions become more common as people get older. The most common ones are listed below.

Tooth Conditions

Dental Decay

Signs: Dark or stained holes on teeth, teeth that are cracked or broken, and visible teeth roots along the gums



Gum Conditions

Gingivitis

Signs: Red, swollen, bleeding gums



Periodontal Disease

Signs: Red, swollen, bleeding gums, receding gums (gums pulling away from the teeth), and loose teeth



Xerostomia (Feeling of Dry Mouth) and Hyposalivation (Less Saliva in the Mouth)

Signs: Tongue that is red, cracked, swollen, or dry, changes in how foods taste, and trouble eating, swallowing or talking



Fungal Conditions

Angular Cheilitis

Signs: Red, open sores in the corners of the mouth



Denture Stomatitis

Signs: Swelling, redness, or sores on the gums under the dentures



Oral Candidiasis

Signs: White spots on tissues (soft parts of the mouth) that can be wiped off.



Click on bolded titles to go to a more detailed information sheet on each condition.

