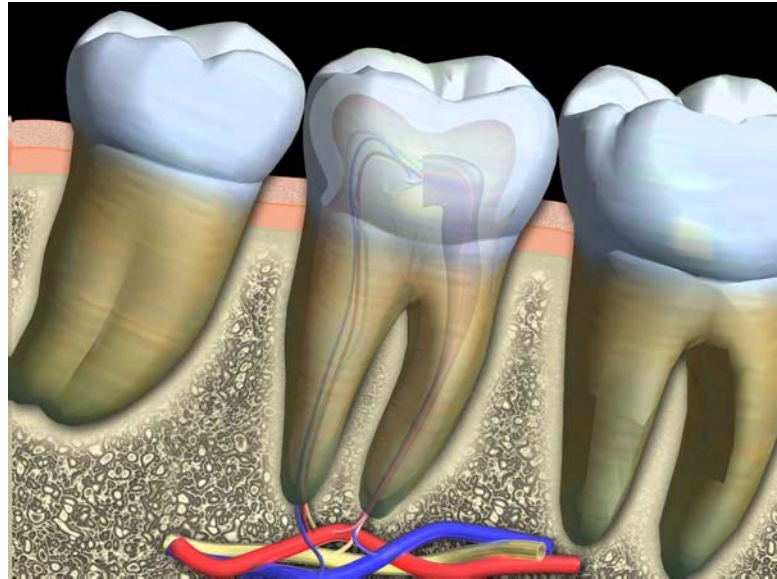
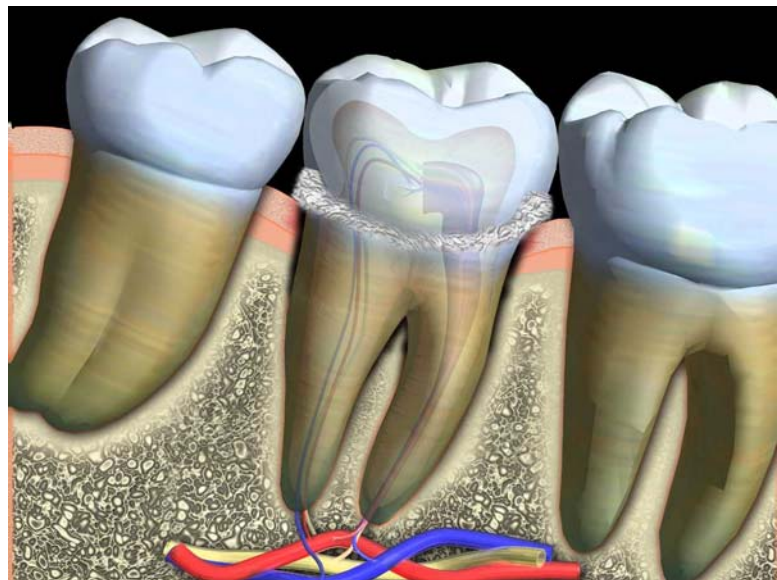


Gingivitis

Bacteria lives in our mouths and if not removed daily through proper brushing and flossing, can cause decay, gum disease and bone disease. Bacteria can also cause bad breath. Healthy gums are firm and pink in appearance, and do not bleed when brushing or flossing. The bone and ligaments around the roots of the teeth are strong, and the teeth are free from decay. Proper oral hygiene and regular dental visits can keep your mouth healthy, and give you a beautiful smile.

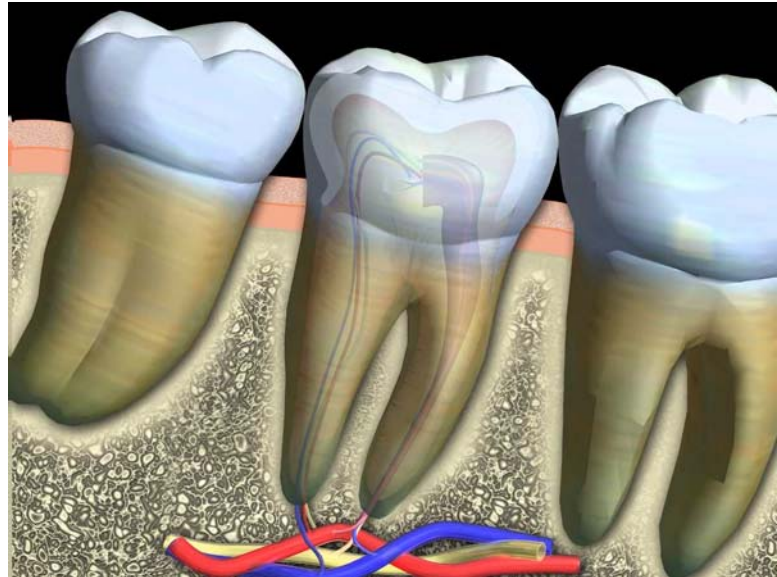


Plaque is a sticky substance that accumulates on the teeth, especially around the gum line. Plaque contains bacteria which can not only cause dental decay, but is harmful to the gums and bone around the teeth. Gingivitis is the mildest form of Periodontal Disease and is generally caused by inadequate oral hygiene. The gums become inflamed, are red in appearance and bleed easily. The bone is not affected, and as such, gingivitis can be reversed with proper oral hygiene and regular dental visits. If untreated however, gingivitis can lead to more advanced stages of periodontal disease and bone loss.

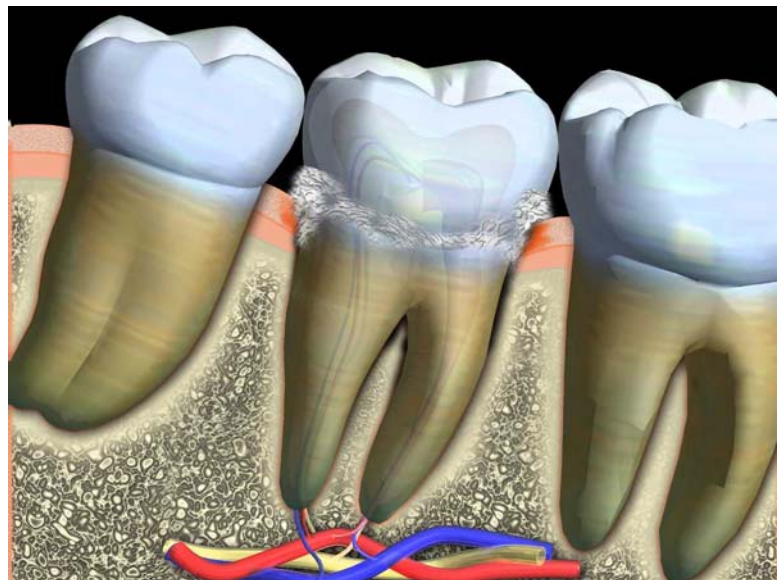


Mild Periodontal Disease

Bacteria lives in our mouths and if not removed daily through proper brushing and flossing, can cause decay, gum disease and bone disease. Bacteria can also cause bad breath. Healthy gums are firm and pink in appearance, and do not bleed when brushing or flossing. The bone and ligaments around the roots of the teeth are strong, and the teeth are free from decay. Proper oral hygiene and regular dental visits can keep your mouth healthy, and give you a beautiful smile.

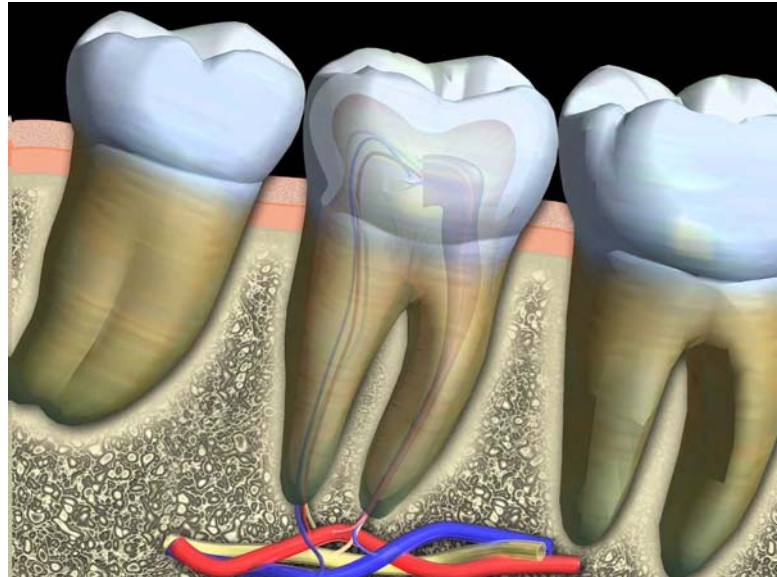


Plaque is a sticky substance that accumulates on the teeth, and contains bacteria which can not only cause dental decay, but is harmful to the gums and bone around the teeth. In Mild Periodontal Disease, the plaque settles around the roots of the teeth causing the gums to bleed easily, and become inflamed and red in appearance. The gums pull away from the teeth, creating pockets. The bacteria in the plaque starts to destroy the supporting bone around the roots of the teeth. This bone loss cannot be reversed. If untreated, mild periodontal disease can lead to more advanced stages with significant bone loss.

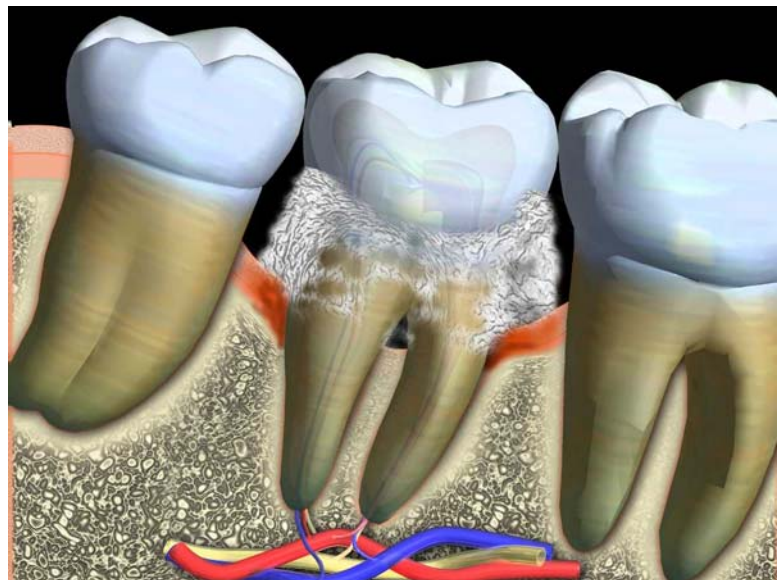


Moderate Periodontal Disease

Bacteria lives in our mouths and if not removed daily through proper brushing and flossing, can cause decay, gum disease and bone disease. Bacteria can also cause bad breath. Healthy gums are firm and pink in appearance, and do not bleed when brushing or flossing. The bone and ligaments around the roots of the teeth are strong, and the teeth are free from decay. Proper oral hygiene and regular dental visits can keep your mouth healthy, and give you a beautiful smile.

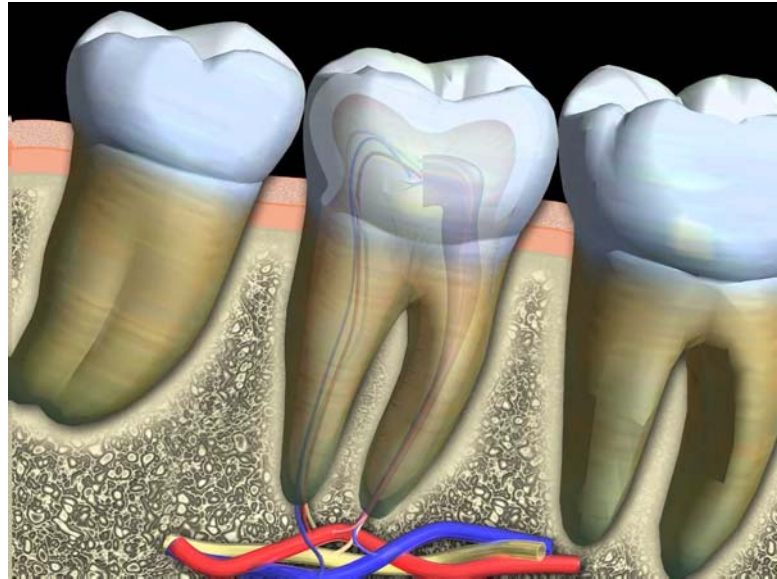


Plaque is a sticky substance that accumulates on the teeth, and contains bacteria which can not only cause dental decay, but is harmful to the gums and bone around the teeth. In Moderate Periodontal Disease, the infectious process progresses around the roots of the teeth causing recession of the gums and further bone loss. The teeth become loose and may shift. This bone loss cannot be reversed. Individuals may also suffer from bad breath as a result of the infectious process. Although periodontal disease is usually not painful, if untreated, moderate periodontal disease can easily advance and lead to tooth loss.



Severe Periodontal Disease

Bacteria lives in our mouths and if not removed daily through proper brushing and flossing, can cause decay, gum disease and bone disease. Bacteria can also cause bad breath. Healthy gums are firm and pink in appearance, and do not bleed when brushing or flossing. The bone and ligaments around the roots of the teeth are strong, and the teeth are free from decay. Proper oral hygiene and regular dental visits can keep your mouth healthy, and give you a beautiful smile.



Plaque is a sticky substance that accumulates on the teeth, and contains bacteria which can not only cause dental decay, but is harmful to the gums and bone around the teeth. In Advanced Periodontal Disease, the bacteria and plaque have caused significant bone loss with advanced recession of the gums. There is very little supporting bone left and the teeth are loose. At this stage, painful abscesses in the gum may be present. Most teeth that have reached this stage of the disease require extraction. Periodontal Disease is one of the leading causes of tooth loss.

