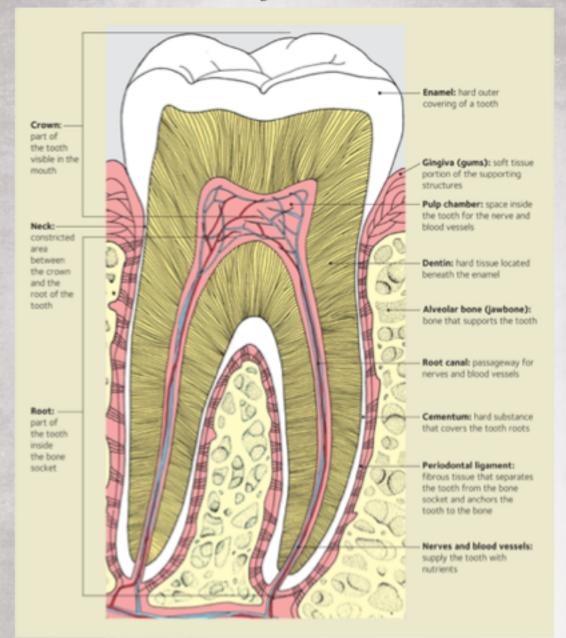
# Oral Health and Hygiene

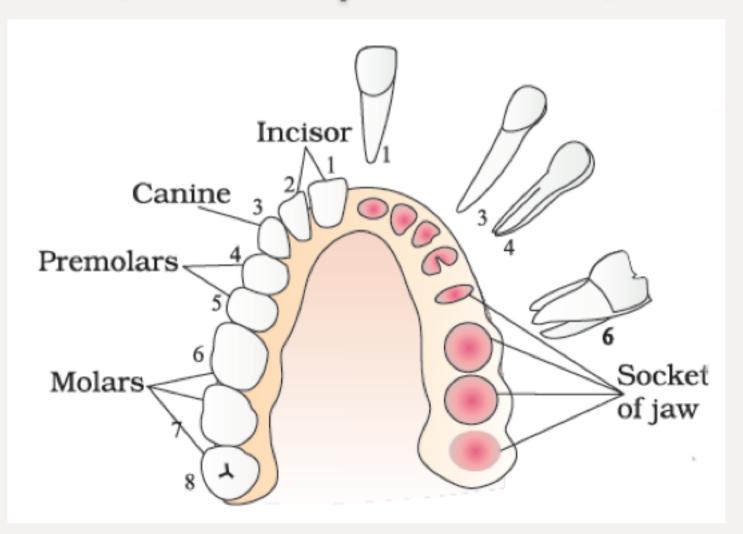


### Anatomy of a Tooth



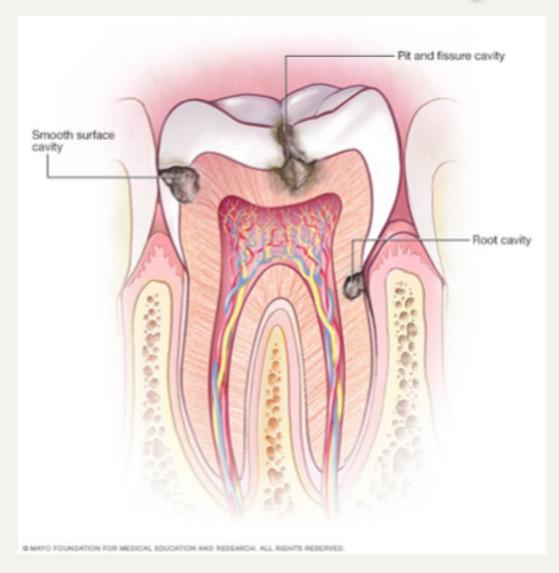
#### **Different Types of Teeth**

(based on shapes and function)



#### Different Types of Tooth Caries (Decay)

- Pit and Fissure Caries
- Smooth Surface Caries
- Cervical (Root) Caries
- Early Childhood Caries (ECC)



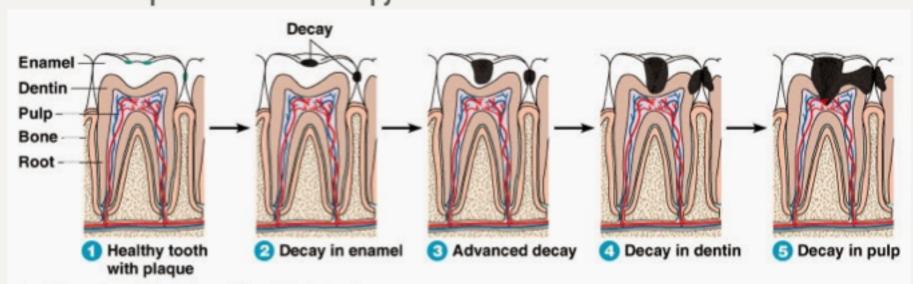
### Early Childhood Caries (ECC)

Early Childhood Caries is defined as the presence of one or more decayed, missing or filled tooth surfaces in any primary tooth in a preschool-age child between birth and 71 months of age. ECC is an infection disease. There are many aspects of early childhood caries; baby bottle decay is recognized as one of the more severe manifestations of this syndrome. (ADA)



#### **Process of Tooth Decay**

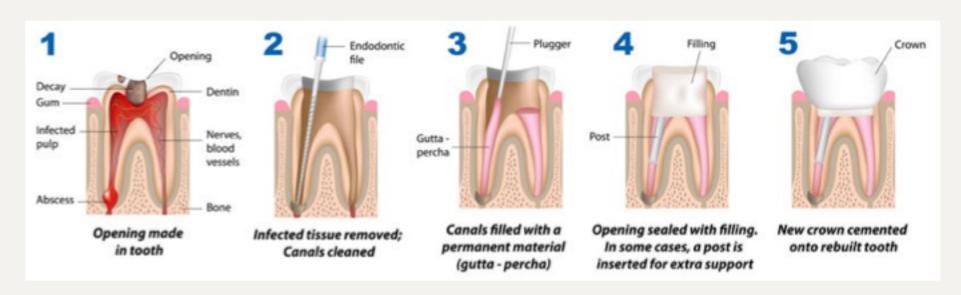
Tooth decay is the result of an infection with certain types of bacteria that use sugars in food to make acids. Over time, these acids cause a cavity to form in the tooth. Enamel is affected first, as decay continues it reaches the dentin. Once it reaches the dentin, decay has to be treated, typically with fillings. If left untreated, it proceeds to the next layer, which is the pulp. Once decay reaches the pulp, the tooth will require root canal therapy or extraction.



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### **Root Canal Therapy**

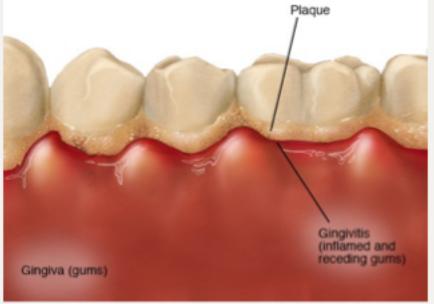
Once the decay reaches the pulp and the tooth becomes infected, endodontic treatment, also known as root canal therapy, is recommended to treat the tooth. When you undergo a root canal or other endodontic treatment, the inflamed or infected pulp is removed and the inside of the tooth is carefully cleaned and disinfected, then filled and sealed with a rubber-like material called gutta-percha. Afterwards, the tooth is restored with a crown or filling for protection and will continue to function like any other tooth.



### **Gingivitis**

Gingivitis is a common and mild form of gum disease (periodontal disease), which can cause irritation, redness and swelling (inflammation) of the gingiva, which is the part of the gum surrounding the base of the tooth. If left untreated, gingivitis can progress to more severe gum disease known as periodontitis or tooth loss. The most common cause of gingivitis is poor oral hygiene. Gingivitis may be prevented or reversed with good oral hygiene habits, which include brushing twice a day, flossing and getting regular dental

checkups.



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#### **Periodontitis**

Periodontitis is a chronic infection that affects the gums and bones that support the teeth. When gingivitis is not treated, it can advance to "periodontitis" (which means "inflammation around the tooth"). In periodontitis, gums pull away from the teeth and form spaces (called "pockets") that become infected. The body's immune system fights the bacteria as the plaque spreads and grows below the gum line. Bacterial toxins and the body's natural response to infection start to break down the bone and connective tissue that hold teeth in place. If not treated, the bones, gums, and tissue that support the teeth are destroyed. The teeth may eventually become loose and have to be removed.

### Causes and Symptoms of Periodontitis

#### Causes

- Poor Oral Hygiene
- Smoking
- Systemic/Immunosuppresive Diseases
- Medications that cause xerostomia
- Misaligned/Crowded Teeth
- Hormonal Changes
- Diabetes

#### **Symptoms**

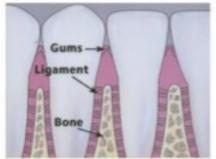
- Halitosis (persistent bad breath)
- Inflamed gums
- Tender or bleeding gums
- Painful chewing
- Loose and/or sensitive teeth
- Receding gums or longer appearing teeth

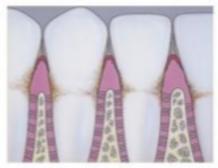


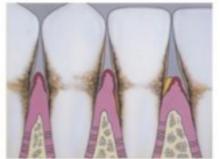














NORMAL, HEALTHY GUMS

Healthy gums, periodontal ligament and bone anchor teeth firmly in place.

**GINGIVITIS** 

The bacteria in plaque irritate the gums, making them red, tender swollen and likely to bleed. If plaque is not removed, it can harden into calculus (tartar).

**PERIODONTITIS** 

In time, as plaque and calculus build up along the gum line, bacteria in the plaque begin to break down the connection between the supporting soft tissues and the tooth. As the disease progresses, bacteria begin to attack the bone tissue as well.

ADVANCED PERIODONTITIS

The gums can pull away from the teeth as more bone and the periodontal ligament are destroyed. Teeth may become loose and need to be extracted.

#### **Treatment for Periodontitis**

The first step in treating periodontitis is a procedure known as scaling and root planing (SRP). A dentist or a dental hygienist provides this treatment by scraping and removing the plaque and tartar off of your teeth and root surfaces by scaling, and then smoothing away any roughness on the roots to prevent bacteria from accumulating again.

In more advanced cases of periodontitis, surgical SRP or bone/gingival grafting is required. It is important to maintain oral hygiene and see the dentist for periodontal maintenance several times a year.



## **Smoking and Oral Health**



## Effects of Smoking on Oral Health

- Stained teeth and tongue
- Diminished sense of taste and smell
- Delayed healing after a tooth extraction or other surgery
- Difficulties in correcting cosmetic dental problems
- Gum disease and loss of teeth
- Oral cancer



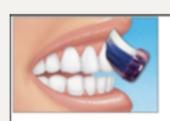
## **How to Quit Smoking?**

- Nicotine gum
- Smoking patches
- Electronic cigarettes
- Chantix (prescribed medication)

#### **Toothbrushing Techniques**

#### What is the correct way to brush?

- Proper brushing takes at least two minutes, so time yourself!
- Use a soft bristle toothbrush with short gentle strokes
- Make a 45 degree angle between toothbrush and tooth surface. This aids in removing plaque accumulation at the gum line.
- Start by brushing the outer surface of upper teeth and then proceed to lower teeth.
- Next, brush the chewing (occlusal) surfaces.
- Use a tongue scraper to remove bacterial film from ventral (top) surface of tongue.

















#### Facts about Oral Hygiene

- Flossing removes plaque from in between our teeth, that the toothbrush is unable to reach. Food that sits between your teeth is actually rotting and may result in bad breath!
- In order to floss efficiently, you need to use a piece of floss that is 18-20 inches in length.
- Bacterial film (plaque) forms in 2-3 hours after brushing and flossing.
- In adults older than 35, more teeth are lost to periodontal (gum) disease than cavities.
- Bacteria associated with periodontal disease travels into the bloodstream and may result in other adverse health effects. Research has shown that gum disease has been linked to heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, arthritis and preterm births.

## Islamic Perspective on Dentistry

#### THE FIRST REVELATION

The first revelation was first few verses of Surah Al-'Alaq.
They were:

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ .خَلَقَ الْإِنسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ. اقْرَأْ وَرَبُكَ الْأَكْرَمُ. الَّذِي عَلَمَ بِالْقَلَمِ. عَلَمَ
الْإِنسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ.

 'Read in the name of your Lord, who created, created man from a clot. Read! And your Lord is most bountiful. (He who taught) the use of the pen taught man which he knew not. '(96:1-3)

#### **REVIVE A SUNNAH**

SIWAK (MISWAK)

A Salat offered after one has used a miswak is 70 Times superior to the salat offered without it.) [Ibn Nejjar]

> If I had not found it a hardship for my Ummah, I would order them to make wudu' for every salat and to use miswak in every wudu'.) [Bukhari, Muslim]

Spread The Sunnah Jazaka Allah khayran









#### How to Use a Miswak



# Thank you!