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We know oral health is important for overall health and vice versa. So opinion leaders in dentistry are calling on colleagues to take advantage of their unique relationships with patients to monitor blood pressure and cholesterol levels and offer smoking cessation counseling. And in the future, salivary diagnosis may be a key tool in health assessment. These developments provide an opportunity to enhance dentistry's stature and emphasize the importance of regular dental visits. Visit ADA.org for frequently updated oral-systemic health information for [professionals](#) and [patients](#).

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NEW INFORMATION FOR PRACTITIONERS



Effectively managing oral health requires consideration of systemic conditions and diseases, the medications a patient is taking and their lifestyle. New information from recent studies continues to support the oral-systemic health relationship.

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What do YOU think?



What have you been doing to educate your patients about the oral-systemic health relationship? What are some resources you'd like to see from the ADA to help you do this more effectively? [Respond Now](#)

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ADA/COLGATE ORAL-SYSTEMIC INITIATIVES

To help spread the word among dental and medical professionals and the public, the ADA and Colgate are working together to develop new oral-systemic initiatives that demonstrate why the mouth is an integral part of the body.

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WHAT CAN DENTISTS DO?



The pace of research is brisk on the oral-systemic health issue. Beyond staying current with the latest research, what can dentists do to best serve their patients? We've got some ideas to share with you.

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