

SA Dental Service

Medications and your oral health

Medications may cause dry mouth and affect the health of your teeth and mouth

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Some medications may cause you to have a dry mouth which increases your risk of tooth decay, oral infections and gum disease.

To relieve dry mouth

- > Keep your mouth moist by sipping plain tap water
- > Swish your mouth with water after sugary/ acidic foods and drinks
- > Chew sugar free gum
- > Ask your dentist, health professional or pharmacist about dry mouth products
- > If you are a smoker, think about quitting. For free advice call the Quitline on 13 78 48

Look after your teeth and mouth by

- > Brushing your teeth and gums each morning and night
- > Using a small soft toothbrush and a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste
- > Spitting toothpaste out, don't rinse
- > Visiting your dental professional regularly

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Or check the locality guide in the Yellow Pages for private dentist details