

# THE REAL COST of Emergency Dental Care

(and How Comprehensive Dentistry Solves It)

## DID YOU KNOW?



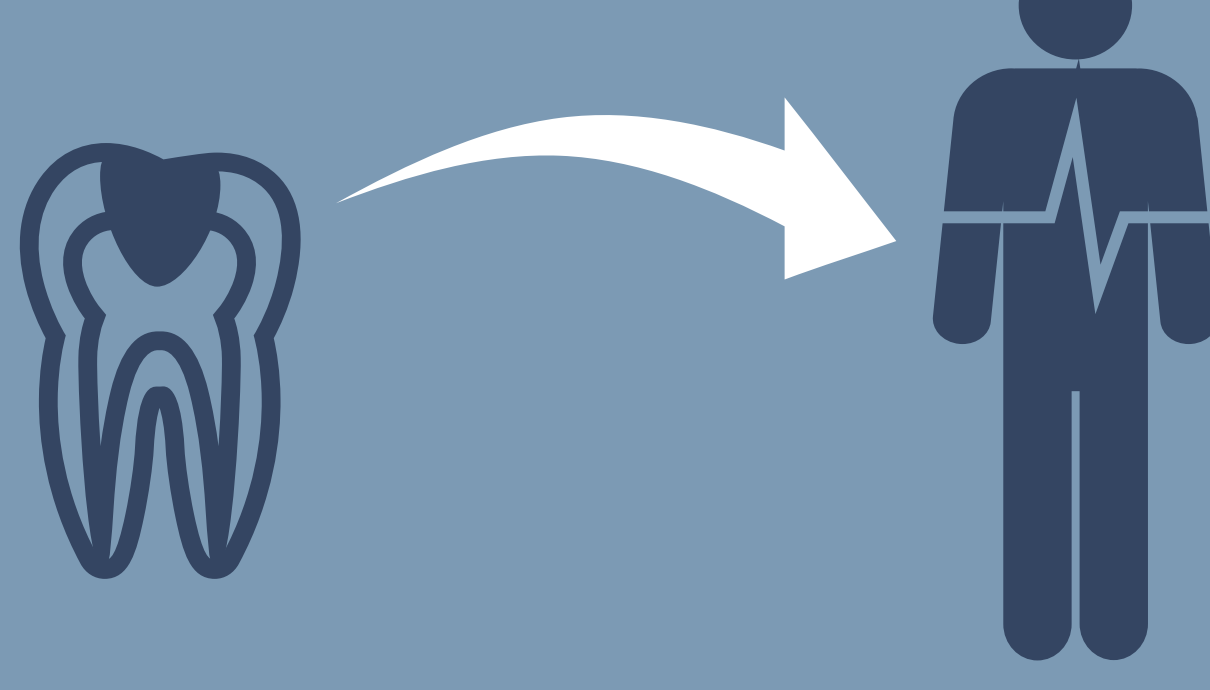
MORE THAN 900,000 VISITS TO THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IN 2009 WERE FOR TOOTHACHES AND OTHER AVOIDABLE DENTAL CONCERNS.

A lot of people don't realize dental disease is a very serious health issue. The good news is, dental disease is very preventable and treatable. Comprehensive dentistry is a key element to help achieve optimum oral and overall health.



## WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR MOUTH AND WHAT DOES IT DO TO YOUR BODY?

Bacteria live in your mouth, creating plaque. When you don't brush, floss and get regular dental cleanings, this bacteria and plaque infect your gums. This causes inflammation, eventually eating away at the bones, gums and tissue that support your teeth.



This cycle of bacteria living and thriving in your mouth and gums lead to chronic, embarrassing bad breath or halitosis. Even worse, researchers have discovered scientific connections and increased risk between periodontal disease and several seemingly unrelated issues including:

- DIABETES
- HEART DISEASE
- STROKE
- PREGNANCY COMPLICATION
- SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION
- RESPIRATORY COMPLICATIONS



DENTAL TREATMENT IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM COSTS 10 TIMES AS MUCH THAN A PREVENTIVE VISIT TO THE DENTIST.

## WHAT IS COMPREHENSIVE DENTISTRY?

During a comprehensive oral exam, we discuss your needs and concerns, then complete an oral exam which includes:



Screening for disease



Health and medication review



Diagnostic imaging

From there, we develop an individualized treatment plan that guides you towards a happier, healthier smile (and life!).

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR WHOLE HEALTH!

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY.



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