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RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS

Inhaling bacteria from the mouth and throat can lead to pneumonia

Dental plaque buildup creates a dangerous source of bacteria that can be inhaled into the lungs

SEVERE OSTEOPENIA

Reduction in bone mass (osteopenia) is associated with gum disease and related tooth loss

Severity has been connected to tooth loss in postmenopausal women

PRETERM OR LOW BIRTHWEIGHT BABIES

Women with advanced gum disease may be more likely to give birth to an underweight or preterm baby

Oral microbes can cross the placental barrier, exposing the fetus to infection

Heart Disease

Those with adult periodontitis may have increased risk of stroke

And are more likely to be diagnosed with cardiovascular disease

Bacteria from the mouth may cause clotting problems in the cardiovascular system

Stoke

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Uncontrolled Diabetes

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