Older Adults’ Oral Health in a STATE OF DECAY

By 2030, there will be 72+ MILLION older adults in the U.S. \(^1\)

MOST won’t have access to dental care, impacting overall health.

**Barriers to Accessing Affordable Dental Care**

**Limited Income & Coverage**
- 70% of older Americans don’t have dental insurance\(^2\)

**Understanding the Need for Routine Care**
- Haven’t seen a dental provider in 5 years\(^3\)
- 23% haven’t seen a dental provider

**Lack of Ability to Pay**
- 8 out of 10 uninsured seniors could not pay for a major procedure\(^4\)

**Accessible Services**
- 33 million live where dentists & clinics are scarce\(^5\)

**Poor Oral Health and Lack of Care Can Result in Overall Health Issues**

- **30%** of older adults lose their teeth
- **50%** have untreated cavities
- **30,000** oral & pharyngeal cancers diagnosed annually\(^5\)
- **33%** of older adults have severe gum disease\(^5\)
- **50%** have untreated cavities
- **23%** have systemic diseases
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Meets Older Adults’ Dental Needs

- Patients, caregivers & dental professionals can visit toothwisdom.org for:
  - Reliable Health Information
  - Dental Care Locator by State
  - Latest Oral Health News
  - Financial Options

**Benefits of Oral Hygiene and Routine Care**

- **Saves money**
- **Prevents oral disease**
- **Ability to eat a balanced diet**
- **Decreases risk of health complications**
- **Positive self-image**

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