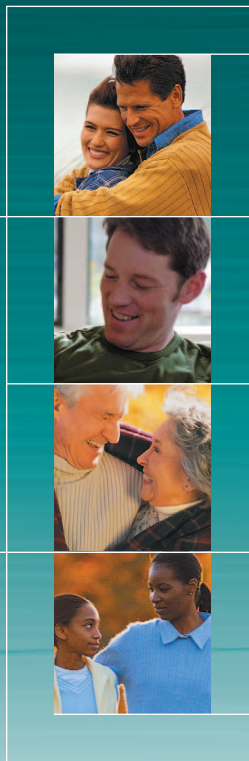


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ANTIMICROBIAL MOUTHRINSE



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WHAT IS AN ANTIMICROBIAL MOUTHRINSE?



Your everyday over-the-counter mouthwashes are the mildest form of antimicrobials—meaning that they can reduce the number of microbes or bacteria in the mouth. Certain bacteria are

contributing factors for both tooth decay and gum disease. Chlorhexidine is the most often prescribed oral mouthrinse to reduce the number of bacteria in the mouth. Used as directed by your dentist, Chlorhexidine can reduce certain gum disease causing bacteria to an almost undetectable level. And in some cases your dentist may also prescribe an oral antibiotic or locally applied chemotherapeutic to help further reduce other bacteria causing your gum disease. Studies have shown that combinations of antibiotics, chemotherapeutics and Chlorhexidine, can reduce the need for periodontal surgery by upwards of 80%.

WHY IS AN ANTIMICROBIAL MOUTHRINSE BENEFICIAL?

If you have had a deep cleaning recently, or been diagnosed with early, moderate or advanced periodontal disease, then an antimicrobial mouthrinse might be beneficial for you. An antimicrobial mouthrinse, like Chlorhexidine, is recommended to help control plaque and kill the bacteria that are contributing to your gum disease.

HOW DO I USE THE ANTIMICROBIAL MOUTHRINSE?

Different regimens may be suggested by your dentist based upon the level of your gum disease and your ability to control the factors causing the disease. As with all medications, it is important to follow your doctor's recommendations which may include more frequent brushing and flossing in addition to the mouthrinse and certain antibiotics. Chlorhexidine has proven most effective when left in contact with your gums overnight. Your dentist may recommend that you do not eat, drink or brush after rinsing with Chlorhexidine.

WHO SHOULD GET ANTIMICROBIAL MOUTHRINSE?

If your dentist diagnoses moderate to severe periodontal disease and performs a scaling and root planning (a deep cleaning), then you may benefit from Chlorhexidine. Check with your dentist to see if Chlorhexidine mouthrinse may be right for you.

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