

# The mouth is the gateway to the body

Evidence indicates a possible link between gum disease and heart disease<sup>1, 2</sup>. Clinical studies suggest that severe gum disease may permit bacteria to enter the blood stream and spread throughout the body, potentially putting your heart's health at risk<sup>3</sup>. While current research has not established causation, the correlations are notable.

## Small steps with a big impact

An effective daily oral care routine can keep your mouth healthy and may contribute to better overall health.



#### Brush

The right tool and technique make all the difference — speak with your dental professional about how to improve your brushing



#### Interdental cleaning

The spaces in between your teeth are home to harmful bacteria, so clean them thoroughly for healthy gums



#### Rinse

Use a therapeutic mouthwash to help reduce plaque and gingivitis



#### Check-ups

Even with the best at-home care, you should visit your dental professional twice a year



### The early signs of **gum disease**

Detect gum disease early by monitoring your oral health. Here's what you should look for:

- Bleeding gums when you floss or brush
- Red, swollen and tender gums
- Persistent bad breath or bad taste

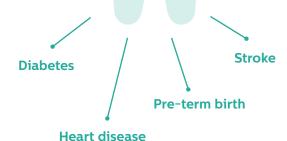
Have you experienced any of these symptoms? **Consult your dental professional.** 

#### Your oral health is important.

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