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Facts About Periodontal Dentistry

1. Periodontal Disease or Periodontitis is an inflammation of the Periodontium, i.e. the tissue holding the tooth.
2. If left untreated, Periodontal Disease can lead to bad breath and eventually tooth loss. It is the major cause of tooth loss in adults.
3. Gums may become inflamed due to the bacteria contained in the plaque on the surface of the tooth. If it is left untreated it can affect the gums, bones and other supporting tissues of the teeth. It leads to a pocket forming between the root of the tooth and the gum where bacteria can easily proliferate and calculus develop.
4. Although most individuals suffer gum inflammation from time to time, 10% of the population appears to suffer from more severe forms of gum disease.
5. This condition is often labelled the silent disease as many people are unaware they have it until the advanced stages.
6. Signs and symptoms of Periodontal Disease:
 - a. *Do your gums bleed when you brush or floss your teeth?*
 - b. *Are your gums red, swollen or tender?*
 - c. *Do you have sores in your mouth?*
 - d. *Are your gums receding? Have they pulled away from your teeth?*
 - e. *Do your teeth appear longer than they have in the past?*
 - f. *Are there spaces developing between your teeth?*
 - g. *Do you suffer from bad breath?*
 - h. *Do you have a constant bad taste in your mouth?*
 - i. *Are your teeth more sensitive than usual?*
 - j. *Are any of your teeth loose?*
 - k. *Is there any change in the way your teeth fit together when you bite?*