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**What are the 3rd molars called?** Wisdom teeth are molars, also called the third molars. They are located on both the upper and lower jaw, the last molars at the very back of the mouth. They usually come in between the ages of 17 and 21.

**Should the 3rd molar be removed?** According to the American Dental Association, you may need to have your wisdom teeth taken out if you have: Pain in or near your wisdom teeth. Repeated infection of soft tissue behind the lower last tooth.

**What is the treatment for impacted third molars?** Impacted wisdom teeth happen when your third molars become partially or fully trapped in your gums or jawbone. This can lead to a number of oral health problems, including infection, tooth decay and gum disease. Surgical removal is often recommended as treatment for impacted wisdom teeth.

**Does the third molar need to be replaced?** But to prevent future oral health complications, many people choose to remove their wisdom teeth in their late teens or early 20s. Unlike other teeth, wisdom teeth don't provide a lot of biting or chewing power. So, there's no need to replace them once a provider removes them.

**Are third molars permanent?** Among the 32 permanent teeth, molars are considered one of the most important. Their role is to pound and mince your food while chewing. They are the “most posterior teeth in your mouth”. There are first, second and third molars.

**Do third molars hurt?** While third molars are growing in, there may be periods of aching or tenderness that last until they have come in fully. This can last a year or so. If you experience more consistent, severe pain, it may be a sign you are impacted or partially impacted. Wisdom teeth removal is almost always needed in these cases.

**What is the most difficult 3rd molar extraction?**

**How painful is 3rd molar extraction?** Everyone responds to surgery differently. Some people might experience a bit of discomfort and soreness for the first three days and require painkillers. Some people might even experience slight bruising or swelling on the outside of the face which usually resolves within a week or two.

**Which tooth is the hardest to extract?** The third molar, also termed the wisdom tooth, is the most difficult tooth to extract. Because of their location and anatomy, lower molars are typically the most difficult to extract. Lower molars have multiple roots, making removal from the jawbone more difficult.

**Which dental specialist would extract impacted 3rd molars?** If an impacted wisdom tooth causes pain, infection or other dental problems, you'll likely need to have a dentist or an oral surgeon remove it. Some dentists and oral surgeons recommend removing your wisdom teeth, even if they aren't causing problems.

**How long does it take for a third molar extraction to heal?** After surgery to remove a wisdom tooth, it may take seven to ten days for the swelling to go down and two weeks to recover fully. Caring for the wound — for instance by using a rinse from 24 hours after surgery — may help it heal and speed up recovery.

**What most commonly causes third molars to become impacted?** Wisdom teeth become impacted because they don't have enough room to come in or develop in the usual way. Wisdom teeth usually emerge sometime between the ages of 17 and 26. Some people have wisdom teeth that emerge behind the second molars without any problems and line up with the other teeth.

**When is the best time to remove impacted third molars?** The early removal of third molars is recommended; the patient should probably be between 17 and 20 years of age. The decision for removal should be made after consideration of the

classification of the impaction and after the occlusion has been established.

**What happens if third molar is removed?** Third molar removal risks The more common risks associated with this type of surgery include sensory nerve damage, sinus complications, damage to adjacent teeth and fractures.

**What happens if you pull a molar and don't replace it?** Unless the empty place left by your missing molar is filled with a denture or implant, the surrounding teeth can shift and become misaligned. Misaligned teeth cause more than a cosmetic headache. They also increase your risk of tooth decay, gum disease, occlusion issues, and additional tooth loss.

**Which tooth is connected to the thyroid?** Tooth number 3, also known as the first molar, is connected to various organs such as the stomach, breasts, kidneys, liver, pancreas, and thyroid and pituitary glands.

**How common is third molar extraction?** Third molar extraction is one of the most frequent procedures in oral surgery. Ten million teeth are extracted from approximately five million individuals every year in the United States.

**Why do experts now say not to remove your wisdom teeth?** The procedure to remove wisdom teeth carries inherent risks, including potential nerve damage, infections, and prolonged recovery periods.

**Can third molars cause headaches?** As they develop within your jaw, wisdom teeth can exert pressure on your gums, jawbone, and adjacent teeth, as well as the surrounding facial structures. This pressure can extend to the sinuses, mainly affecting the area around the upper jaw, and can trigger migraines.

**Is 3rd molar extraction painful?** Any pain associated with the wisdom teeth removal procedure will usually occur during the recovery period. Most patients report some soreness around the surgical sites for a few days after the tooth removal surgery. The surgeon will likely provide a prescription for pain medication to control any discomfort.

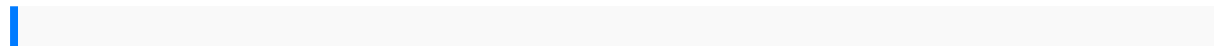
**Can third molar cause cheek biting?** Your problem is quite common. An impacted tooth could lead to cheek biting issues if it's partially erupted. If it's completely impacted in the bone and soft tissue then it's less likely to cause such symptoms.

**What are the third row molars?** Wisdom teeth, or third molars, are located at the back of the mouth. They are the last adult teeth to erupt, or enter the mouth. Most people have four wisdom teeth, two on the top, two on the bottom.

**Why are wisdom teeth no longer needed?** Due to the modern diet of softer foods and the use of utensils, wisdom teeth are no longer needed. In addition, as human jaws have become smaller with evolution, our mouths are no longer able to accommodate wisdom teeth, which is why wisdom teeth can lead to pain, infection, and other dental problems as they grow.

**What are Class 3 molars?** Class III is where the lower first molar is anterior (or more towards the front of the mouth) than the upper first molar. In this abnormal relationship, the lower teeth and jaw project further forward than the upper teeth and jaws. There is a concave appearance in profile with a prominent chin.

**Why are wisdom teeth so painful?** Your wisdom teeth will erupt during your late teens and early twenties, and there may be growing pains as they come in that subsides once they have fully formed. If you experience wisdom teeth pain after this time, there may be a lack of space and the wisdom tooth may become stuck – or impacted.



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