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| MEET YOUR MOUTH |  |
| IT’S PART OF YOUR BODY |  |
| Your Mouth and HIV/Aids |  |
| More Information |  |
| HIV weakens your immune system, meaning you become more susceptible to infections. This can cause pain in your teeth and tooth loss. |  |
| Some of the most common oral problems for people with HIV/AIDS are: |  |
| Dry mouth, Canker sores, Gingivitis, Bone loss around the teeth (periodontitis) Oral warts, Mouth ulcers, Herpes simplex virus outbreaks |  |
| Ulcerative periodontitis, Fever blister, Oral candidiasis (thrush) |  |
| and Hairy leukoplakia (which causes a rough, white patch on the tongue) |  |
| Dental problems related to HIV may make chewing and swallowing painful. This may prevent you from properly taking your HIV medication or lead to malnutrition. |  |
| Let your doctor know if your HIV medicine is causing dry mouth or other oral side effects. |  |
| Visit your dentist regularly and give them a complete list of HIV medication. |  |
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