

MALOCCLUSION: A RISK TO OVERALL HEALTH

Severe periodontal infection, if untreated, may increase the risk for atherosclerosis-induced conditions such as coronary heart disease and stroke, complications of diabetes, adverse pregnancy outcomes, and respiratory diseases.⁵

SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS

- 1 Bacteria forms a film underneath the gums, particularly where teeth are misaligned. Gum pockets form, further trapping bacteria and debris.
- 2 Bacteria inflames the gum tissues and kill gum tissue cells and can invade connective tissue and blood vessels.
- 3 Your immune system creates white blood cells and proteins to fight the inflammation.

- 4 The combination of bacteria, toxins, white blood cells, and acute phase proteins damages the cells that line your coronary arteries, resulting in plaque and leading to hardening of the arteries.^{6,7}

gative effects of periodontal disease.

DECREASED RISK OF ABNORMAL WEAR AND TRAUMA

Properly aligned teeth also reduce the risk of expensive procedures required to repair the effects of abnormal force, such as tooth chipping, breaking, or wear; and can be less stressful on the supporting jaw bone and joints.

A Straightforward Solution

Straightening your teeth can make a significant difference to having a healthy mouth and keeping your teeth for life. Ask your doctor about straightening your teeth using Invisalign®, a set of clear aligners that are custom-made to gradually straighten your teeth. Start on the road to a healthy mouth today.

Inquire about Invisalign treatment.