

22 Questions:

1. Do you have any pain in your teeth because of heat, cold, or sweets? If so, where?
2. Do you have any pain in any part of your mouth or in any tooth while biting or chewing? If so, where?
3. Does food catch between your teeth? If so, where?
4. Do your gums bleed, either while chewing or brushing or at any time? If so, when?
5. Do you chew on both sides of the mouth? If not, why?
6. Do you have a tired feeling in your face while chewing or at the end of the day after considerable talking?
7. Do you have any ringing or pain in your ears?
8. Do you ever experience a burning sensation in the tongue?
9. Are you in the habit of biting your nails or any other hard object? If you smoke a pipe, do you bite the stem or keep the pipe in one position, constantly biting on it?
10. Do you clench your teeth during the day? Have you been made aware of clenching your teeth during the night?
11. Do you go to the dentist regularly? How often do you have full mouth X-rays made?
12. Do you brush your teeth vigorously or lightly? How often do you brush your teeth? Do you avoid any part of the mouth while brushing?
13. What toothpaste do you use? Which mouthwash, if any?
14. Have you ever had professional instructions on home care?
15. How often do you have your teeth cleaned (prophylaxis)? How much time does it take?
16. Do your gums feel irritated, tender or swollen?
17. Do you know that black tarter usually forms under the gums when your gums bleed?
18. Have you ever had any teeth removed? If so, was a general or local anesthetic used? Which do you personally prefer?
19. Have you ever had a local anesthetic for cavity preparation?
20. How long have these teeth been missing? Why weren't they replaced? Was it ever suggested?
21. Do you understand the meaning of "traumatic occlusion"?
22. Do you know extensive destruction of the bone under the gum can take place before you are aware of it?