

Periodontal disease is the most common disease in the United States. As many as 90% of the population suffer from some level of periodontal or gum disease. This may be an early-stage disease called gingivitis (inflamed gums), which is relatively easy to treat, or it may be more advanced periodontitis, which is more difficult to treat and may result in the loss of teeth. The best defense against periodontal disease is quality daily home care and regular dental cleanings and examinations. At each check-up appointment, your dentist will check your teeth and gums to see if there is evidence of periodontal disease. If there is, he will recommend treatment to stop the damage to the supporting tissues of the teeth. Recent studies have linked periodontal disease to heart disease and heart attacks. Call us today for an exam to be sure that your teeth and gums are healthy, and for more information on periodontal disease.