

1st Dental Care is a directory of 15 Top Dental Portals on the Internet Like 1st Braces, 1st Sedation Dentist, 1st Cosmetic Dentist, and 1st Dentist.



x

*Featured  
Article*



## 1st Dentist - Dental Care For Seniors FAQ 1 by Internet Dental Alliance

### Q. Why do teeth seem to darken as people age?

**A.** Teeth may seem darker because plaque can build up faster and in larger amounts as one ages. Changes in dentin can cause teeth to appear a little darker as well.

### Q. Why do some seniors lose their sense of taste?

**A.** Seniors tend to lose their sense of taste because age decreases the sense of taste and smell. Certain diseases, medications, and dentures also can contribute to a decreased sense of taste.

### Q. Should seniors be worried about cavities?

**A.** Yes. The majority of seniors have tooth-root decay and are more susceptible to cavities.

### Q. What is root decay?

**A.** Over time, tooth enamel can wear away in the crowns of teeth and around the tooth roots. Receding gums expose the roots, making them more prone to decay.

### Q. What makes seniors more cavity-prone?

**A.** Seniors are more prone to root decay and gum recession. Additionally, many seniors have "dry mouth" (caused from medications or medical conditions), which increases the risk of cavities. Some also may have difficulty maintaining good oral hygiene due to physical limitations.

### For More Information On Senior Dental Care, Refer To These Other Articles:

- [The Effects Of Aging On The Mouth](#)
- [Root Caries: A Significant Dental Problem](#)
- [Dental Care For Seniors FAQ 1](#)
- [Dental Care For Seniors FAQs 2](#)
- [Age Brings Changes In Dental Care](#)
- [Dry Mouth: What You Should Know](#)

The 1st Dental Care Article Library



[Email this article](#)



[Printer friendly page](#)

Internet Dental Alliance.Com  
PO Box 1220  
Tiburon, CA 94920-1924

[Questions@1stDentalCare.Com](mailto:Questions@1stDentalCare.Com)

[Terms of Service Agreement - Privacy Policy](#)

1st Dental Care

Copyright © 2001 - 2008 by Internet Dental Alliance, Inc. All rights reserved. [Click here for details.](#)

~