Dr. Robert Genco found that the increased risk of heart problems in persons with one or more of these bacteria was from 200-300%.

A study from the Michigan School of Dentistry goes even further and associates poor dental health with “early death from any cause.” Poor oral health is something that becomes more common as we age. Fewer immune cells are present in aged tissue, and therefore you have less protection against the bacteria, viruses, and fungi that infect and kill healthy cells.

At our office we do periodontal screenings on all new patients and we monitor all of our existing patients on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

Dr. John C. Moreau

DOES YOUR DENTIST USE SYNTHETIC BONE?

**HOW TO KEEP YOUR JAWLINE AFTER YOU’VE LOST A TOOTH.**

If you break a bone in your body, it will repair itself naturally. However, when a tooth and its root is pulled, you’re left with a gaping hole in your mouth that only slightly fills with bone. Over a period of time, your jawbone will shrink and atrophy. Within two years, normal bone loss averages 40% to 60%. The bone loss is both in height and width, affecting adjoining teeth as well, causing them to possibly loosen, and lose up to 20% of their supporting bone. The result can be a receding jawline, causing: loose teeth, difficulty in chewing, unattractive facial lines, and an appearance of general aging. That’s why preserving the jawbone is so important, and today, it can be accomplished so effectively and inexpensively. HTR polymer is a unique, patented synthetic bone substance which your dentist can apply in a quick, painless and uncomplicated procedure immediately after a tooth extraction. HTR polymer can prevent the long-term loss of your jawbone. Initially, HTR provides a bone-promotive environment that results in maintaining the height and width of the jawbone at the extraction site. Your own bone will grow through and around the HTR polymer structure, re-forming the original bone ridge, and providing your dentist with a solid foundation for subsequent procedures. HTR polymer also has been able to restore healthy new bone to areas where loss occurred years previously. It has proven effective in restoring bone loss from periodontal disease, bone defects, and even partially atrophied jaws. HTR polymer forms a perfect foundation, so that the placement of future implants may be an option.

**FDA APPROVES NTI-TSS DENTAL APPLICATION FOR PREVENTION OF MIGRAINE PAIN.**

The FDA has approved the small and simple dental device, the NTI-tss*, for the prevention of medically diagnosed migraine pain and associated tension-type headache. (*Nociceptive Trigeminal Inhibition- Tension Suppression System). In clinical trials submitted to the FDA, 82% of medically diagnosed migraine suffers had a 77% average reduction of migraine pain attacks. There are no adverse side effects to wearing the NTI-tss nightly long-term. (The NTI-tss has also been approved for the prevention of TMJ syndrome and bruxism). Over 20% of the population (and therefore, over 20% of a dentist’s patients of record) suffer from migraine and tension-type headache. With the NTI-tss, the dentist will specifically be suppressing the intensity of the nocturnal muscular pericranial intensity (a type of TMD), thereby preventing the intensity and/or frequency of migraine and headache attacks. The NTI-tss device takes advantage of the jaw-opening reflex by only allowing contact to be made on only one or two of the lower front teeth (incisors), and never allowing any of the back teeth (or canine teeth) to touch. (The prevention of allowing canine and posterior teeth from contacting is probably just as important as the lone contact on the incisors. The research shows that the contacting of either the canine or posterior teeth instantly allows a significant increase in temporalis contraction.) Thus, when the mouth is being closed, a lower incisor will touch the NTI-tss appliance, suppressing the temporalis muscles’ ability to contract! Of course, the NTI-tss appliance cannot be worn when actual eating and chewing are taking place.

**DOES YOUR DENTIST OFFER THE LATEST IN COSMETIC DENTISTRY?**

**FULLER SENSUAL LIPS THROUGH DENTISTRY:**
WHEN IT COMES TO FACIAL FEATURES, THE LIPS ARE THE MAJOR TARGET OF ENHANCEMENT IN ADDITION TO CHEEKBONES AND CHINS. IT’S TRUE, FULLER LIPS ARE CONSIDERED MORE SENSUAL AND YOUTHFUL. AS WE GROW OLDER, MUCH OF THE SOFT FATTY LAYER BENEATH THE SKIN DIMINISHES AND CAUSES WRINKLES.

JUST AS THE SCULPTOR CREATES A BELIEVABLE WORK OF ART FROM KNOWING THE STRUCTURE BENEATH THE SURFACE, SO MUST THE DENTIST KNOW THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL ANATOMY OF THE PATIENT. FUNCTION AND BEAUTY GO HAND IN HAND.

IN DENTISTRY, WE HAVE KNOWN THAT SUPPORT FOR THE LIPS IS CREATED BY PROPER TOOTH ARRANGEMENT. WE ALSO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FACE WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL LOSES SOME OR ALL OF HER TEETH. THE RESULTS CAN INCLUDE HOLLOW CHEEKS, WRINKLED SKIN, OR SUNKEN LIPS.

BY EITHER CORRECTING THE SHAPE OF ONE’S ARCH OF TEETH THROUGH DENTAL ORTHODONTICS OR RESTORATIVE TREATMENTS SUCH AS LAMINATE VENEERS OR CROWNS, THE SUPPORT OF THE LIPS CAN BE CHANGED TO CREATE A SENSE OF GREATER FULLNESS OF THE LIPS.

YOUR TEETH----AND YOUR SMILE---ARE THE ULTIMATE ACCESSORIES TO COMPLETE YOUR LOOK. MAKE THEM WHITIER, BRIGHTER, OR STRAIGHTER TO CREATE THE IMAGE THAT’S UNIQUELY YOU.

FOR THE ULTIMATE IN FASHIONABLE SMILES AND SMILE DESIGN OPTIONS CONTACT THE OFFICE OF DR. JOHN C. MOREAU AT 318-442-9555.

DOES YOUR DENIST USE SILVER FILLINGS?

IS THE LEVEL OF MERCURY RELEASED FROM YOUR AMALGAM FILLINGS SIGNIFICANT?
   Loss of mercury from amalgam fillings.
       New filling=50% mercury
       5 year old filling=27% mercury
       20 year old filling=0% mercury

WHAT IS AMALGAM?
   Dental amalgam is composed of:  50% mercury
                                  35% silver
                                  14% tin
                                  0.1% zinc
                                  0.3% copper

   According to the World Health Organization, the largest estimated average daily intake and retention of mercury and mercury compound in the general population is from dental amalgams, not from food or air. The estimated average daily intake of mercury from dental amalgams being 3.8-21 micrograms per day.

Zoom! In on Whiter Teeth

Local Dentist Offers “Celebirty” Smiles