ORAL HEALTH
AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF HEALTHY AGING

Tooth loss & poor oral health is not a part of normal aging

All care providers have a role in good oral care for older adults

A healthy mouth is associated with improved self-image, social, mental, & physical health

Think about it...

Because the mouth, tongue, and throat are in contact with many bacteria, oral health is critical to overall well-being

1 in 4 older Americans has lost all of their teeth. This affects: eating, socialization, and hygiene


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