Women's oral health

Did you know?

- Women have higher rates of decayed, filled or missing teeth.
- Over a third of women report avoiding or delaying dental care due to cost.
- Hormonal changes over women's lifespan can lead to increased risk for various types of gum disease and tooth decay.
- Injuries from intimate partner violence impact women's oral health.
- Women with eating disorders may experience tooth erosion, tooth decay and gum disease.
- 10% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have diabetes, doubling their urgent dental treatment needs.

Women's oral health could be improved by...

- More research on the impact of gender on oral health.
- Training to help dentists identify and refer patients affected by family violence & eating disorders.
- Dental care subsidised through Medicare to improve affordability & access.

Check out our issues paper: Women and oral health for more info


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