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Xerostomia

Dry mouth is a common but frequently overlooked condition. It is typically associated with salivary gland hypofunction, which is the objective measurement of reduced salivary flow. Patients with dry mouth exhibit symptoms of variable severity that are commonly attributed to medication use, chronic disease and medical treatment, such as radiotherapy to the head and neck region. Chronic dry mouth significantly increases the risk of experiencing dental caries, demineralization, tooth sensitivity, candidiasis and other oral diseases that may affect quality of life negatively. Effective prevention and early detection and treatment of oral problems associated with dry mouth require aggressive management by both dentist and patient.

The results of this [5-question](#) poll on xerostomia will help determine whether this issue merits further investigation by the Network.

To continue the conversation, go to "Quick Poll Results" in the [Member Forum](#).

Poll closes December 9th!

We would like to thank and acknowledge the Southwest Region Members who helped develop this quick poll at a breakout session during the 2015 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.



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