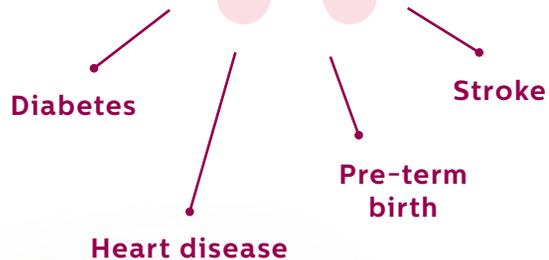


# It's about more than your smile

Many serious illnesses may be associated with your oral health.



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# Is poor oral health affecting your pregnancy?

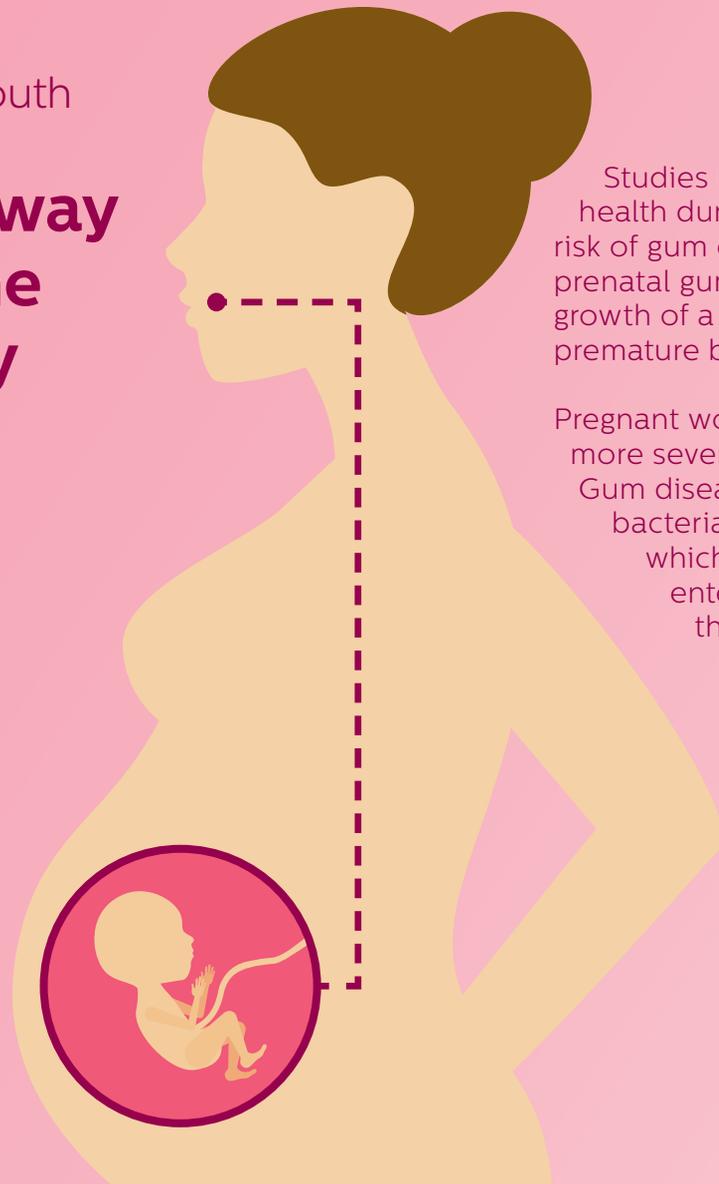
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The mouth is the **gateway to the body**



Studies have connected poor oral health during pregnancy to increased risk of gum disease. Left untreated, prenatal gum disease may impact the growth of a fetus, and even lead to premature birth or miscarriage.<sup>1</sup>

Pregnant women often experience more severe cases of gum disease. Gum disease occurs when harmful bacteria accumulate in your mouth, which can permit bacteria to enter and spread throughout the body, potentially increasing the risk of pregnancy complications.<sup>2</sup>

While current research has not established causation, the correlations are notable.



## The early signs of **gum disease**

Detect gum disease early by monitoring your oral health. Here's what you should look for:

- **Bleeding gums** when you floss or brush
- Red, swollen and **tender gums**
- Persistent **bad breath** or bad taste

Have you experienced any of these symptoms? **Consult your dental professional.**

## Small steps with **a big impact**

An effective daily oral care routine can keep your mouth healthy and may contribute to better overall health.



### **Brush**

The right tool and technique make all the difference – speak with your dental professional about how to improve your brushing



### **Interdental cleaning**

The spaces in between your teeth are home to harmful bacteria, so clean them thoroughly for healthy gums



### **Rinse**

Use a therapeutic mouthwash to help reduce plaque and gingivitis



### **Check-ups**

Even with the best at-home care, you should visit your dental professional twice a year