

Re: BP Drug side effects and gum disease

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Mike wrote:

I have been on blood pressure medication for a couple years. About 18 months ago one of them was changed for some other as I was experiencing leg cramps.

Anyway, only a year ago I had to have a tooth out because of decay below the gum line. I now have been told that I have to have 3 other teeth out because of tooth decay below the gum line. (seen on x ray).

Checking on the web I've found that one of the side effects of one of the tabs could be "gum disease". What I would like to ask is whether what is happening to my teeth could be regarded as gum disease?
Thank you.

What meds are you on specifically?

I know the calcium channel blockers such as Cardizem are known frequently to cause gingival overgrowth and inflammation. I am not aware that they would cause changes in salivation (which could increase caries).

Steve

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