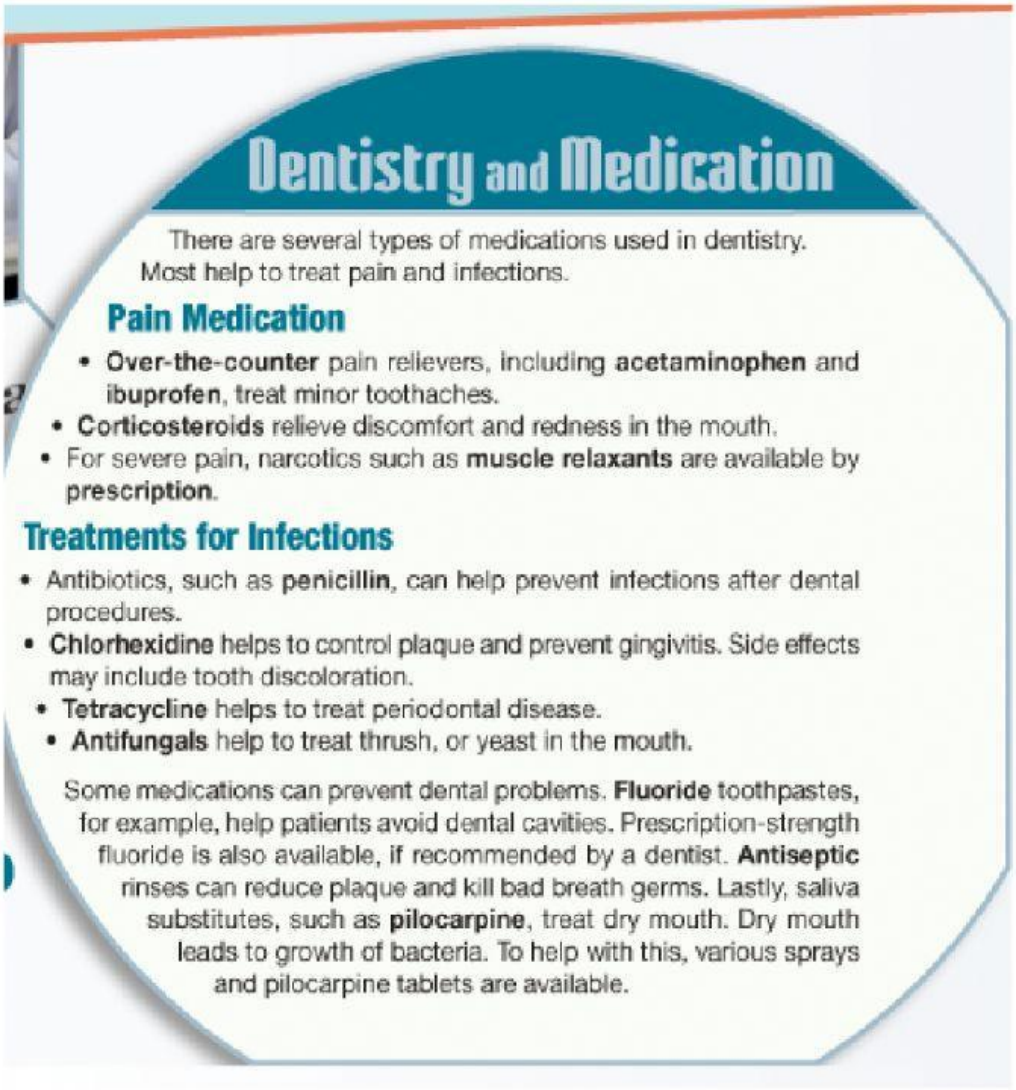
READ THE TEXT AND COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW



Dentistry and Medication

There are several types of medications used in dentistry. Most help to treat pain and infections.

Pain Medication

- **Over-the-counter** pain relievers, including **acetaminophen** and **ibuprofen**, treat minor toothaches.
- **Corticosteroids** relieve discomfort and redness in the mouth.
- For severe pain, narcotics such as **muscle relaxants** are available by **prescription**.

Treatments for Infections

- Antibiotics, such as **penicillin**, can help prevent infections after dental procedures.
- **Chlorhexidine** helps to control plaque and prevent gingivitis. Side effects may include tooth discoloration.
- **Tetracycline** helps to treat periodontal disease.
- **Antifungals** help to treat thrush, or yeast in the mouth.

Some medications can prevent dental problems. **Fluoride** toothpastes, for example, help patients avoid dental cavities. Prescription-strength fluoride is also available, if recommended by a dentist. **Antiseptic** rinses can reduce plaque and kill bad breath germs. Lastly, saliva substitutes, such as **pilocarpine**, treat dry mouth. Dry mouth leads to growth of bacteria. To help with this, various sprays and pilocarpine tablets are available.

What is the main idea of the article?

Different types of dental procedures

Types of over-the-counter medications

A description of periodontal disease

Types of medication used to treat the mouth

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Which of the following does not treat pain?

Ibuprofen

Penicillin

Acetaminophen

Corticosteroids

Which medication helps to treat dry mouth?

Pilocarpine

Antifungal

Ibuprofen

Tetracycline

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Complete the definitions with the missing word

A drugs used to protect teeth, eliminate bacteria, and relieve canker sores

B a drug that works by reducing hormones that cause inflammation

C an antibiotic which controls plaque and gingivitis

D an over-the-counter pain reliever and fever reducer

E a medication which reduces inflammation and redness in the gums

F a substance which helps prevent tooth decay

G a drug that is prescribed to patients who have dry mouth

H a group of antibiotics used to treat bacterial infections

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Drag the words to the correct place

PRESCRIPTION *ANTISEPTIC* *MUSCLE RELAXANT* *OVER-THE-COUNTER* *ANTIFUNGAL*

A(n)_____ is often used to relieve back pain

Benzocaine is often sold _____ to help relieve sore gums and toothaches

Hydrogen peroxide is a common _____

A(n) _____ is used to treat cold sore

You need a(n) _____ to purchase certain medications

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