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## 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

**Which of the following does not treat pain?**

Ibuprofen

Penicillin

Acetaminophen

Corticosteroids

**Which medication helps to treat dry mouth?**

Pilocarpine

Antifungal

Ibuprofen

Tetracycline

**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

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