Stages of Oral Disease and Their Treatments

TOOTH DECAY

Stages of Tooth Decay
- Sound tooth with plaque
- Small cavity in the enamel
- Large cavity into the dentin
- Large cavity into the root
- Tooth destroyed and lost
- All teeth destroyed

Treatment at Each Stage
- Floss and brush to remove plaque
- Cavity filled with amalgam (silver)
- Cavity filled with gold
- Root canal and crown
- Bridge replaces lost tooth
- Full dentures

GUM DISEASE

Stages of Gum Disease
- Healthy gum; plaque on sound tooth
- Gum swelling and/or bleeding; tartar
- Pocket between tooth and gum; infection
- Loss of membrane, bone and tooth
- All sound teeth lost
- Full dentures

Treatment at Each Stage
- Floss and brush to remove plaque
- Gum filled with amalgam (silver)
- Floss and brush; have dental professional remove tartar
- Treatment by dentist
- Bridge replaces lost tooth

YOU can prevent dental problems simply by flossing and brushing daily.