



Factsheet

Importance of medical history

Why is my medical history important?

The information you give to your dentist as part of your medical history helps them to care for you safely and well.

It is important for your dentist to know your medical conditions and medications.

There are medications that can have side effects in the mouth. There are also medical conditions that can affect the mouth. The health of the mouth can also impact some medical conditions.

Medical information to tell your dentist

- All current and previous medications (including inhaled, injected, lozenge and cream medications)
- Any vitamins, minerals, supplements, or medications bought without a doctor's prescription
- Allergies and intolerances
- Medical conditions
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding
- If you smoke, vape, take illicit drugs, or drink alcohol

Other questions your dentist may ask

- Your family's dental history
- Your past dental treatment
- How you care for your teeth at home
- The foods and drinks you have most often



The information you give your dentist is kept private. They will not talk to anyone else without your permission.

