

Let's Talk About Teeth

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SMOKELESS NOT HARMLESS

A recent study shows that use of snuff and chewing tobacco by adolescent boys in this country has surged over the past few years. According to a report from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, there has been a 30 percent increase in the rate of smokeless tobacco use among boys aged 12-17 years over a recent five-year period. This finding is worrying on at least two important fronts: First, smokeless tobacco is as addictive as cigarettes and does not assist in weaning oneself from smoking. Second, using smokeless tobacco products increases the risk of oral cancer. Because dentists are usually the first to see signs of oral cancer, they have a stake in preventing it. Up to a certain point, if you quit, your body can heal itself...but

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