Using Marijuana Can Affect Your Oral Health

Long-term marijuana (cannabis) use can lead to dryness in the mouth, which can increase the rate of tooth decay and gum disease.

Dry mouth can increase the risk of oral infections such as candidiasis, also known as thrush or oral yeast infections.

Smoked marijuana contains many of the same carcinogens as tobacco smoke, and an association with cancer has been suggested.

Tell your dentist if you use cannabis. Using cannabis (in any form) before a dental procedure can:
• Negatively affect the type and amount of medication or sedation you require.
• Increase bleeding.
• Complicate your ability to heal.

The best bet is to plan ahead and not consume cannabis prior to your dental appointment!

Be sure to keep your regularly scheduled dental appointments to allow the dental team to assess tissue changes associated with smoking or other use of these products.