

EFFECT OF DRUGS ON TEETH AND GUMS - A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Dentistry has seen many cases of oral cancer in people who have never smoked. However, the chance of oral cancer increases if a person smokes, and more so if the individual is also a very heavy drinker of alcohol. It has been suggested that alcohol acts as a cleansing agent in the mouth and strips the oral tissues of protective layer that makes them more susceptible to the carcinogenic action of the smoke. Alcohol, consumed in sufficient quantities may itself be a carcinogenic. In fact, many researchers believe it is one of the major causes of oral cancer.

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