



Pericoronitis

What is Pericoronitis?

- ◇ It is inflammation of the gum surrounding a tooth, most commonly an erupting lower wisdom tooth.

The Causes:

- ◇ Food debris and bacteria trapped beneath the gum covering the tooth.
- ◇ Trauma to the gum from the opposing tooth.

Immediate Treatment:

- ◇ Hot salt water mouth washes (one teaspoon of salt, dissolved in a cup of hot water at regular intervals.)
- ◇ Corsodyl mouthwash as directed by the dentist.
- ◇ Antibiotics or pain killers may be necessary .
- ◇ Extraction of the opposing tooth : if it is biting onto the swollen gum.

**For further information about Pericoronitis
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