

Wisdom Teeth & Oral Surgery

When wisdom teeth located in the very back of your mouth ache, cause swelling, have no room for proper positioning and brushing, and are impacted under the tissue, it's time to have them removed. Impacted wisdom teeth occur in 90-95% of all adults. Infection and decay can also accompany impacted wisdom teeth without any symptoms.

Why Do Wisdom Teeth Cause Problems?

Due to a combination of evolution and diet changes, people no longer require their jaws and facial bones to be as large as they once were. Our bones have decreased in size over the ages, making it harder for us to accommodate all 32 teeth. As a result, wisdom teeth may grow in sideways, erupt only partly from the gum, or become impacted in the bone.

Infection Can Develop Without Symptoms!

An infection called pericoronitis, which means infection in the gums behind the wisdom tooth area, may develop, especially if the tooth is only partially erupted into the mouth. If left untreated, the infection can cause periodontal problems and pain to the adjacent gums, teeth, and bone.

Prevention

Wisdom teeth may cause serious infections without warning. For this reason, it is important for you to visit Dr. Amie Rockow-Nelson regularly, whether you have a toothache or not. If removal of wisdom teeth is recommended to you, be assured that Dr. Amie Rockow-Nelson will ensure your comfort. Your comfort and health is her greatest concern!