They found that men with mouth cancer often had a different version of a gene than those not affected by the disease. Their findings will shed important light on how mouth cancer develops and why some men are more susceptible to the disease than others. The nut of the betel or areca palm tree contains a mild, central nervous system stimulant called arecoline. Chewing the nut on its own or with a mixture of betel leaf and betel lime is a popular habit in Asian countries and among British Asians.

Sweden in Singapore
Sweden’s largest medical university, the Karolinska Institute, has announced it will open its first overseas office at the National University of Singapore. The new institute will pave the way for more research collaborations in areas such as population-based epidemiological research, dental tissue regeneration, breast cancer, childhood allergies, and Asian diets on people’s susceptibility to colon cancer. Childhood allergies, breast cancer, diabetes and premature births.

Statistics, love them or hate them, can help us to understand some of life’s mysteries. With that in mind, what percentage of your patients do you think have destructive periodontal disease? You know, the sort that leads to loose teeth, recurrent abscesses, tooth loss and all that.

If you said 80%, either your perio probe is too sharp or I’d advise you to move your practice as soon as possible. But, if you said anything between 10% and 20% you’d have been in the right ballpark (American Academy of Periodontology figures). OK, so how many patients do you see a day, twenty to thirty? If you see twenty patients in an average day means that you are seeing at least two people every day who may lose their teeth through periodontal breakdown. My question to you is this: what are you doing about it? Do you recognise them? If so, what do you do for them?

Referral is one of the easiest options. But why might you want to refer? Most general practices are under time constraints and have difficulty in employing a hygienist, so for many referral is the only option. But other reasons for referral include the following:

**Preventing Oral Disease:**
If you’re not comfortable with those left to attend. Now’s the time to get your calendar out and make plans to attend an event in your region.

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