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Your smile may be the key to your health ...
By URBAN HOUSECALL DOCTORS



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- ☐ Cosmetic surgery: What to know beforehand
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Oral health: A window to your overall health

Your oral health is more important than you might realize. Get the facts about how the health of your mouth, teeth and gums can affect your general health.

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Why Oral Health Leads to Overall Health

HOT ON THE BLOG
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- ✓ Daily Brushing & Flossing
- ✓ Regular Dental Cleanings
- ✓ Regular Dental Checkups
- ✓ Limiting sugary foods
- ✓ No ice-chewing
- 🦷 **Wait! You may be forgetting something!**

Oral Health Matters

Dental restorations can affect your overall and oral health



Do you have any of these?

- 🦷 Dentures
- 🦷 Crowns
- 🦷 Bridges
- 🦷 Veneers
- 🦷 Implants
- 🦷 Orthodontic Appliances

What's In Your Mouth Matters

Who makes them?

🦷 A dental laboratory technician



Where are they made?

🦷 A dental laboratory



Americans spend \$7 billion annually on dental restorations

The Deal on Dental Restorations

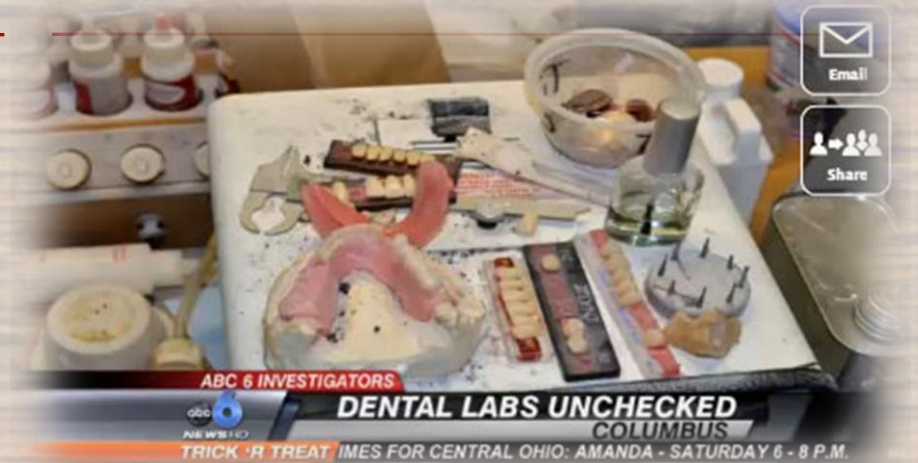
It is important to know what materials are in your dental restoration because improper materials, such as lead, may cause complications.



What's the worst that could happen?

The **scary** Truth

- ❗ In America, most states set no minimum standards for persons to be employed as dental technicians.
- ❗ Domestic dental labs remain unregulated in more than 40 states.



This photo is from an actual, unregulated dental lab featured in a news report.

Why is this acceptable?

CDTs

- 🦷 Certified Dental Technicians are certified by the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology (NBC).
- 🦷 This is the only voluntary certification program for dental laboratory technicians recognized by the American Dental Association.

CDLs

- 🦷 The NBC also certifies all Certified Dental Laboratories (CDLs).



Standards DO Exist

Only four states in the U.S. require either certification or continuing education for dental technicians.

Key Active States

- - Current States
- - Key Active States



Certifications Are NOT Mandatory




The Bottom Line

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Ask your dentist...


- ❶ Do you use a Certified Dental Technician for your laboratory work?
- ❷ Is the laboratory you work with certified and by whom?
- ❸ Where is your dental laboratory located?
- ❹ What materials are in the restorations you are prescribing for my treatment plan?

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