

Oral Concerns for People with Lupus

By: Paul D. Freedman DDS

This article outlines three major categories of oral lesions experienced by those with lupus: direct involvement of the oral cavity by lesions of lupus, Sjogren 's syndrome, and the oral effects of medications. Lesions of lupus in the mouth may or may not correlate with disease activity. Sjogren 's syndrome, targets the salivary glands and lacrimal glands (eye), inhibiting the creation of fluid from these glands. The article expands on the five common drugs used to treat lupus that affect oral health.