

ORAL HEALTH AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF HEALTHY AGING



All care providers have a role in good oral care for older adults

Tooth loss & poor oral health is not a part of normal aging



a healthy mouth is associated with improved self-image, social, mental, & physical health

Think about it...

because the mouth, tongue, and throat are in contact with many bacteria, oral health is critical to overall well-being



1 in 4 older Americans has lost all of their teeth. This affects: eating, socialization, and hygiene

