

Oral Health Older Person Interview Guide

Do you have a dentist?

- If No, what barriers are present that prevent you from getting regular dental care?

When was the last time you went to the dentist?

How do you pay for dental care? Commercial insurance? Self-pay? Medicaid?

Do you have any recent or current dental problems?

- What are the problems you have with your oral health?
- Can you tell me about any problems you have with dry mouth, sore in your mouth, bleeding gums, pain, etc.?
- How do you relieve these problems?

How many of your teeth are missing? Do you wear dentures? Any problems with your dentures?

How often do you brush your teeth? Floss?

- Can you do this independently? Do you need help? Who helps you?

What health problems do you have? Heart disease? Diabetes? Cancer? COPD? Kidney disease?

- Are you aware of how your oral health is connected to any of these health problems?

What medications are you taking?