



Dental

Teeth are crucial to both our nutritional intake and to our identity. Every time we look in the mirror we see our teeth shining back at us, sometimes crooked, sometimes straight, and hopefully healthy. Unfortunately, as we age or become a little less meticulous with our cleaning habits, our teeth and gums may begin to have problems. Cavities and gum disease are two of the most common dental concerns. We can, however, work to prevent these two common problems by brushing and flossing regularly and avoiding foods high in sugars.

Dental and Periodontal Problems

Advanced teeth and gum issues may require dental surgery to correct the problem. Gum disease, root canals, and even everyday cavities can warrant surgery. Given the location of the surgery, however, individuals may experience pain and discomfort after the procedure. Currently most patients leave the dental office with only a few pain relievers and perhaps an anti-inflammatory to treat the post-operative symptoms. There are several new drugs in development that seek to stimulate our own oral biological defenses and healing mechanisms, which would result in less pain and complications after operations and restorative dental procedures.

	COMPANY	PRODUCT	PHASE
Dental Products	BAS Medical, Inc.	Relaxin	II
Dental Surgery	Acologix, Inc.	Dentonin / AC-100	II
Periodontal Surgery	Acologix, Inc.	Dentonin / AC-100	II

