



## 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.

## Canker Sore

Canker sores are small shallow ulcers that appear in the mouth and often make eating and talking uncomfortable. Stress or tissue injury is thought to be the cause of simple canker sores. Certain foods – including citrus or acidic fruits (such as lemons, oranges, pineapples, apples, figs, tomatoes, strawberries) and vegetables – can trigger a canker sore or make the problem worse.

Indication	Company	Product	Phase
Canker Sore	<b>Teikoku Pharma USA Inc</b>	Kounaien	M

## Dental and Periodontal Problems

Trouble with teeth and gums often requires dental surgery to correct the problem. Gum disease, root canals, and even everyday cavities can warrant surgery. Given the location of the surgery, however, we can be left uncomfortable and in pain post operation. 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 which 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.

Indication	Company	Product	Phase
Dental Products	<b>Acologix Inc</b>	Dentonin / AC-100	II
	<b>BAS Medical Inc</b>	Relaxin	II
	<b>Planet Biotechnology Inc</b>	CaroRx	II
Periodontal Surgery	<b>Acologix Inc</b>	Dentonin / AC-100	II
Dental Products	<b>Align Technology Inc</b>	Invisalign	M