Tooth or Consequences

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More than a century ago, many subscribed to the “focal infection theory,” the notion that an infection in one small area of the body could lead to subsequent infection and ill health elsewhere in the body. This theory was particularly popular in the field of oral medicine, as the connection between dental infection and disease led to the extraction of an extremely high number of teeth. As crude as the methodology may have been back then, the theory that oral infection can spread via the blood to other parts of the body has been upheld by modern scientific investigation. Studies showing links between gum disease and heart disease, preterm births, and certain inflammatory conditions are good reasons to seek treatment.

Developing good dental health habits is the best way to prevent tooth decay and gum disease. The best news is we can usually fix a problem before it starts when you schedule your checkup with your dentist at least once a year. At the office of RICHARD Y. LIU, D.M.D. P.A., we’re currently accepting new patients and welcome you to call 603.436.9200 to schedule an appointment. Call us today! We’re located at 101 Shattuck Way, Suite 5, Newington.

P.S. Research indicates that periodontal disease may increase the risk of Alzheimer’s disease.