

The Systemic Effect



Summary

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Let's face it. We are all aging? One day, we may also be moving into a care home.

It's a fact. We are now keeping our teeth as we age. Throughout our lives we have invested and cared for our teeth with our hard earned money. Why does it stop when we enter a care home? What are the benefits for a health system investing in oral care? How important is the link between oral health and general overall health?

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With street interviews and factual presentation, we see and hear from health practitioners, dentists, families of residents and residents themselves, why

an oral health care strategy for individuals in long term care must be embraced in our country and a travesty if it is not.

These findings can set Canada's course towards better, more economical health care and longer, healthier lives.

This 47 min documentary features Dr. Donley a leading expert in the treatment of gum disease and dental implants from Kentucky, USA.

