

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Oral Lichen Planus**

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<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
<b>(Liken Plan-us)</b>	AS AN IRRITATING INFLAMMATORY CONDITION, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO LIKE ABOUT LICHEN PLANUS.
<b>Phillip Sheridan, D.D.S. Track 1 (:10)</b>	"WE REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSES IT."
	WHILE IT'S OFTEN SEEN ON THE SKIN, DR. PHILLIP SHERIDAN, A MAYO CLINIC DENTIST DEALS WITH THE ORAL VERSION. IN THE MOUTH, LICHEN PLANUS CAN CAUSE LACY WHITE OR PALE BUMPS TO FORM ON THE TONGUE, CHEEKS OR GUMS. OFTEN PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW THEY

	<p>HAVE IT. BUT WITH A MORE SEVERE FORM CALLED EROSIIVE LICHEN PLANUS, THOSE BUMPS CAN BECOME SORES...</p>
<p><b>Dr. Sheridan</b> <b>Track 1 (2:50)</b></p>	<p>“IT CAN REACH THE POINT WHERE THEY’RE UNCOMFORTABLE MOST OF THE TIME. THEY REALLY HAVE BURNING SENSATION AND DISCOMFORT. IT CAN REACH THE POINT WHERE THEIR GUMS BLEED WHEN THEY BRUSH THEIR TEETH.”</p>
	<p>THERE IS NO CURE, SO TREATMENT FOCUSES ON TREATING THE SYMPTOMS. IT’S ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC ORAL LESIONS ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR SOME TYPES OF CANCER, SO REGULAR MONITORING IS VERY IMPORTANT.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a>. I’M VIVIEN</p>

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