

Medical Edge from Mayo Clinic

Wisdom Teeth

1:00

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS HAVE THEIR WISDOM TEETH REMOVED. BUT IF SO MANY NEED TO BE REMOVED, HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY WE HAVE THEM?
Chris Viozzi, M.D. Track 1 (1:05)	"THE PURPOSE THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO WAS YOU NEEDED THEM, BECAUSE YOU LOST OTHER TEETH. "
	DR. CHRIS VIOZZI IS AN ORAL AND MAXIOFACIAL SURGEON AT MAYO CLINIC. HE SAYS THAT AS OUR DIET EVOLVED TO INCLUDE

	<p>SOFTER, HIGHLY PROCESSED FOODS, LIFE FOR OUR TEETH BECAME EASIER. WE DON'T LOSE THEM LIKE WE USED TO. BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM. OUR WISDOM TEETH ARE STILL THERE AND OFTEN THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SPACE TO ACCOMODATE THEM.</p>
<p>Dr. Viozzi Track 1 (1:55)</p>	<p>"WHETHER THEY ARE COMPLETELY IMPACTED OR PARTIALLY ERUPTED THEY CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS FROM SORT OF ANNOYING TO VERY SERIOUS."</p>
	<p>IF YOU DO NEED YOUR WISDOM TEETH REMOVED, IT'S BETTER TO DO WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG, TYPICALLY BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 25. THE DIFFICULTY OF SURGERY AND THE RATE OF COMPLICATIONS INCREASE IN OLDER PATIENTS.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT</p>

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