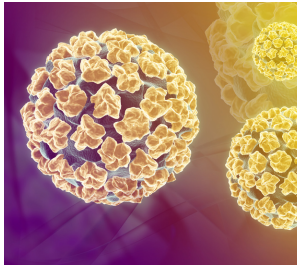


The Celiac Surge: Oral Signs of a New Epidemic



At least 3 million Americans are living with celiac disease – and 97% of them are undiagnosed. Being undiagnosed, these people may be causing further damage to their bodies with every meal they eat.

People with celiac disease, or gluten sensitivity, must avoid gluten, a mixture of proteins found in many grains and products made from those grains, such as processed foods, as well as some medicines and cosmetics.

Left untreated, celiac disease can result in serious systemic complications by damaging the small intestine and reducing its ability to absorb nutrients. Over time, the damage may escalate to skin rashes, lactose intolerance, infertility, bone weakness, and nerve damage.

Recognition of the oral manifestations of celiac disease may be the key to discovering this devastating disease in patients whose symptoms are less evident.

In this course you will become familiar with the various signs and symptoms that may be pointing to this serious systemic illness. Helping patients understand that they may have gluten-related disorders could be the key to a lifetime of improved health.

Suggested Audience: Dentist, hygienist, and team
Suggested Format: One- to two-hour course



Course Objectives

- Discover the cause, extent, and consequences of celiac disease
- Identify sources of gluten and how gluten affects sensitive individuals
- Understand other possible causes of gluten sensitivity
- Recognize the oral manifestations of celiac disease

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