



STUDENT Health Services at the Wilce Student Health Center

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PERICORONITIS

Pericoronitis is an infection of the tissue that overlies a tooth, usually a wisdom tooth. The cause of this infection is often food or debris that becomes lodged between the tissue and the tooth. It may also be caused by trauma to the area from eating. Frequently, the treatment for pericoronitis will include removal of the tooth.

Symptoms

- Swelling, redness, and pain
- Foul or bad breath
- Beefy red or inflamed gums
- Pain in chewing, and difficulty opening the mouth
- Fever, weakness, and chill

Treatment

- Antibiotics
- Dental care
- Irrigation (vigorous rinsing)
- Salt water mouth rinses
- Pain medication

You Should Seek Medical Attention IMMEDIATELY, If Any of the Following Occur:

- Swelling of the face, neck, and cheeks
- High fever, chills, vomiting, signs of dehydration
- Inability to swallow your saliva or medications