

# SPARK CONVERSATIONS, TRANSFORM SMILES

October has been defined as the month to bring awareness to the way we talk about cavities, the disease process and the prevention of caries. You can help our mission by supporting the awareness month and start changing the language today!

## GET INVOLVED

Check our website  
[www.cariesdisease.com](http://www.cariesdisease.com)

There are several ways you can **get involved** and help us **bring awareness** to the way we talk about cavities, the disease process and the **prevention of caries**. Please help our mission by supporting the awareness month.

### Resources

[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2821841/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2821841/)  
[www.researchgate.net/publication/272725948\\_Dental\\_Caries\\_The\\_Most\\_Common\\_Disease\\_Worldwide\\_and\\_Preventive\\_Strategies](http://www.researchgate.net/publication/272725948_Dental_Caries_The_Most_Common_Disease_Worldwide_and_Preventive_Strategies)  
[www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3222359/](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3222359/)

[www.dentistrytoday.com/news/industrynews/item/7226-emergency-room-visits-for-dental-problems-cost-2-billion-a-year](http://www.dentistrytoday.com/news/industrynews/item/7226-emergency-room-visits-for-dental-problems-cost-2-billion-a-year)  
[www.academic.oup.com/cid/article/40/12/1807/314357](http://www.academic.oup.com/cid/article/40/12/1807/314357)  
[www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/programs-impact/pop/oral-disease.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/programs-impact/pop/oral-disease.htm)

## Caries Disease

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## DID YOU KNOW?



Caries disease is the **most common** infectious disease in children. It is 5 times more common than asthma and **20 times** more common **than diabetes**.

Caries disease is the most common chronic disease **in adults**.

Every year in the US, **51 million** school hours are missed by kids due to **tooth pain**.



**Over 45 billion dollars** in work productivity is lost each year in the US due to **untreated dental disease**.

**1.6 billion dollars** is spent each year on emergency room visits due to **tooth pain and caries disease**.

Bacteria from infected teeth can lead to **respiratory infections, pneumonia, acute bronchitis, and COPD**.

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