



Dental amalgam Impact on the environment

Actions for patients



Tooth decay is a serious public health problem around the world

Prevent tooth decay by practicing good oral hygiene*

* such as regular brushing of teeth, avoiding sugary food, visiting the dentist twice a year





The dentist may treat a decayed tooth using amalgam fillings that contain mercury Discuss with the dentist the possibilities for mercury-free alternatives







Discarded dental amalgam waste pollutes the environment

By taking care of your teeth, you also take care of the environment

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