



“Dental Health in Long Term Care Facilities”

Product Information

Product	Brand	Use	Available	Approx. Cost
<b>Tooth Brushes</b>				
Soft Bristle	Various	Clean natural teeth	Drug and Grocery	
Brush Handle Grip	TePe*	Adapts brush to larger grip for arthritic or special needs patients	Direct order	
Power – sonic	Phillips and others	Large grip, long reach, excellent interproximal cleaning	Drug and Grocery	
Power – rotary	Oral B Braun and others	Large grip, long reach, good cleaning	Drug and Grocery	
Interproximal	Various	Clean larger gaps between teeth	Drug and Grocery	
Single/End tuft	Sunstar Butler and others	Clean at gumline	Drug and Grocery	
Tongue Scraper	Sunstar Butler and others	Removes odor causing bacteria from tongue	Drug and Grocery	
Denture	Various	Clean dentures (stiffer bristles)	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Floss</b>				
Waxed	Various	Clean tight spaces between teeth	Drug and Grocery	
Super	Various	Clean tight spaces and breaks cleanly	Drug and Grocery	
Tape	Various	Clean less tight spaces - thicker	Drug and Grocery	
Flossers	Various	Holds floss tight with a handle - disposable	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Picks</b>				
Stimudent			Drug	
Interdental	Sunstar Butler and others		Drug	
Toothpick			Drug and Grocery	
Toothpick Holder	TePe and others			
<b>Toothpaste</b>	Various	Chose one with fluoride and acceptable taste	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Denture Cleaners</b>				
Denture Wipes	Majestic Drug	Removes denture adhesive with no scrubbing		

Effervescing Tablets			Drug and Grocery	
Ultrasonic Bath	Patterson Dental*	Removes soft deposits – contain denture in sealed bag with water or mouthwash	Direct Order	
<b>Mouth Wash</b>				
Healthy Gums	Natural Dentist	Antimicrobial, Alcohol free, pleasant taste	Drug	
Biotene	Laclede	Antimicrobial, Alcohol free, pleasant taste	Drug	
Xylitol	Xlear Inc.	Antimicrobial, Alcohol free	Direct order	
Listerine	Pfizer	Antimicrobial, newer flavors more pleasant to use	Drug and Grocery	
Scope		Breath freshener – short term affect	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Dry Mouth Relief</b>				
Artificial Saliva		Spray moistens mouth	Drug	
Xylitol	Xlear* and others	Saliva Stimulator – available gum, mints, rinse	Direct order, OTC	
Gel	Biotene	Saliva Stimulator – highly effective	Drug and Grocery	
Sugar-free Gum	Biotene and Various	Saliva Stimulator, various flavors	Drug and Grocery	
Sugar-free Mints	Various	Avoid acidic flavors	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Mouth Sore Relief</b>				
	Colgate	Relieves Canker Sores, denture irritation, other trauma	Drug and Grocery	
		Relieves Cold Sores	Drug and Grocery	
Abreva		Relieves Cold Sores and may shorten symptoms	Drug and Grocery	
<b>Fluoride Treatment</b>				
Rx Toothpaste		Prescribed by dentist; recommended prior to head & neck radiation treatment		
<b>Tooth Sensitivity</b>				
Fluoride Products				
Sensodyne	GSK	Somewhat affective, if symptoms past 2 weeks, discontinue		
Power toothbrushes	As above	Correct pressure and plaque removal reduces tooth damage		