

Ocean Dental Associates

You may have recently heard about certain prescription drugs that are causing side effects concerning the mouth and jaws. These are the bisphosphonate class of drugs used to treat osteoporosis, Paget's Disease and bone loss associated with cancer. Two of the drugs listed are used on individuals receiving chemotherapy for cancer and are injected. The rest are pills or capsules.

Most of the problems associated with these drugs have affected patients with cancer, receiving injections of Aredia or Zometa, although, a small percentage of those taking the oral drugs have shown side effects. Osteonecrosis, where bone in the jaw(s) is destroyed, has been associated with extractions in those patients that are or have taken these drugs. It is very important to let us know if you have ever taken any of these drugs.

Aredia or pamidronate
Zometa or zoledronate
Fosomax or alendronate
Boniva or ibandronate
Actonel or risendronate

_____ Yes, I have taken the medication(s) I have circled above.

_____ No, I have never taken any of these medications.

Signed _____ Date _____