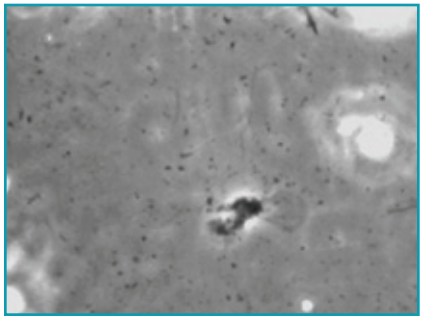
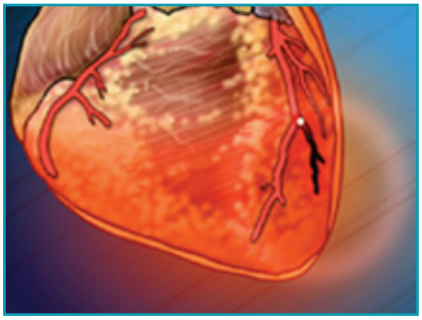
Infective Endocarditis



Bacteria are always present



Inflamed heart tissues



Take antibiotics before procedure

Infective endocarditis is an inflammation of the heart. It can damage the valves of the heart, the heart muscle, or the lining of the heart.

What causes infective endocarditis?

Infective endocarditis is caused by bacteria that enter the bloodstream. Many common dental procedures, such as routine teeth cleaning, can cause minor bleeding that might allow these bacteria to enter your bloodstream.

Protecting your health

For most patients, these bacteria are harmless. But we need to take special precautions to protect you if you have a medical history that includes:

- A heart birth defect
- Prolapsed valve
- Rheumatic fever
- Endocarditis
- Heart surgery

Some other medical conditions may also require us to protect you against infective endocarditis, so make sure to keep us up-to-date on your medical history. By prescribing an appropriate antibiotic that you take before your dental appointment, we can avoid the risks of endocarditis.

If you have any drug allergies, or if you have questions or concerns about our procedures, please let us know. We want to protect you and keep your teeth healthy.

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