

## CHILDREN & ADOLESCENT HEALTH

Gum disease is common in children and adolescents. It's generally caused by poor dental care and poor oral hygiene for reasons such as crowded teeth, braces, or coordination that is not fully developed. This can be an issue at any age, particularly with boys. Since it's easier to use than floss, the Waterpik® dental water jet may be especially beneficial for children.

The Waterpik® dental water jet can reach areas that children with braces or crowded teeth often miss with tooth brushing alone. Having braces often means swollen and tender gums. The massaging action of the dental water jets can be a gentle yet effective way of reducing this discomfort. Newer, state-of-the-art models feature tips such as the new Orthodontic Tip, designed to simultaneously brush and rinse hard to reach areas around braces and other dental work.