

## Wisdom teeth

Wisdom teeth, also known as the third molars, usually erupt (break through the gum) between 17 and 21 years of age. When healthy wisdom teeth erupt properly, they are beneficial to our mouth. But sometimes there is not enough room for these teeth to erupt. In this case, your dentist can advise you as to whether these unerupted wisdom teeth need to be removed to prevent future problems. Should your dentist recommend that your wisdom teeth be removed, he or she may do the procedure or refer you to an oral surgeon, also known as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

