

FLOSSING



PURPOSE + METHOD OF USE

Flossing removes biofilm and plaque from the interproximal spaces and shallow sulcus' where tooth brushing can't reach. Patients must snap the floss below the contact, and create a C shape around the tooth while moving the floss up and down to remove the contents.



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VIDEO DEMONSTRATION LINK

Dental Hygienist TEACHES How To Floss

www.youtube.com > watch

https://youtu.be/SttiQK7Mv9I?

<u>si=m_jRYQ7H3NhcdJ5d</u>

https://youtu.be/gzyChl5VawQ?

<u>si=NYqteHzjhgbsPxiZ</u>

PRODUCT & AVERAGE COST

Located at a convenience shop or pharmaceutical for OTC.

String Floss: \$2.99 - \$6.00 Floss Holders: \$7.99-12.99 Floss Threaders: \$2.89-\$7.39 Super Floss: \$3.97-\$6.00



Photo by Unknown author by Cocofloss



Photo by Unknown author (floss holders) Should not replace regular dental cleanings. Do not snap down as this can damage the gums

Super floss: not ideal for people who have narrow gaps between teeth

Floss holder: limited access to posteriors or tight spaces
Floss threaders: takes time and skill.
Waxed floss: thicker so harder to fit in tighter gaps
Unwaxed floss: not particularly sturdy so strands can shred
(Souza, 2019).

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