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Demographic trends indicate greater longevity and a higher percentage of elderly patients retaining more teeth late in life. The US population entering this cohort also has the lowest rate of edentulism in history.

Greater longevity is also translating into more patients experiencing more years with more age-related issues which can significantly affect oral health, such as cognitive dysfunction, reduced dexterity, medication-related xerostomia, metabolic bone disease, etc.

What has been your experience regarding the aging population in your practice? The results of this [5-question poll](#) will help determine whether this issue merits further investigation by the Network.

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