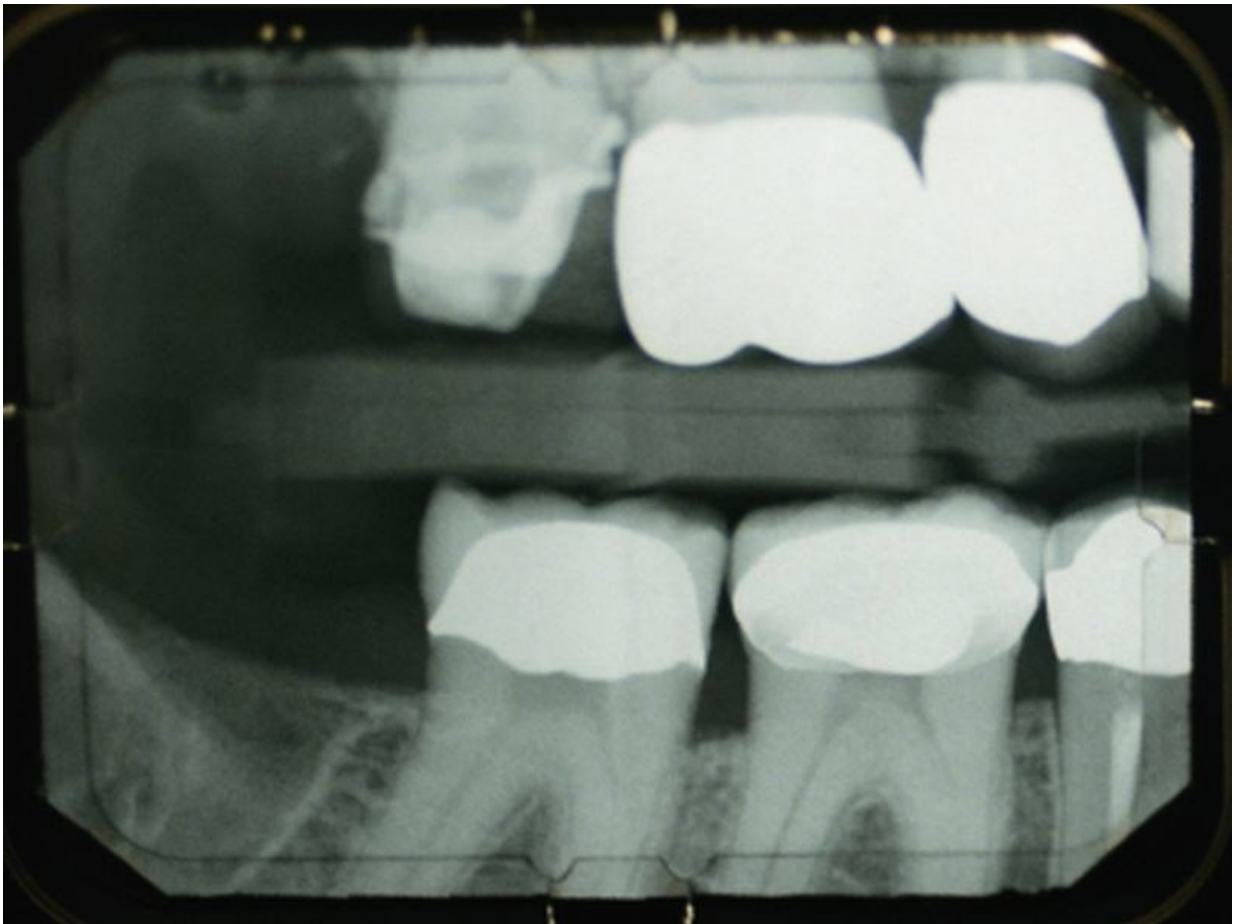


Edentulism tied to greater risk for high BP after menopause

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(HealthDay)—Postmenopausal women with edentulism are at an

increased risk for developing hypertension, according to a study published online Dec. 4 in the *American Journal of Hypertension*.

Joshua H. Gordon, from the State University of New York in Buffalo, and colleagues evaluated the association of baseline self-reported periodontal disease and edentulism with incident hypertension among 36,692 [postmenopausal women](#) participating in the Women's Health Initiative-Observational Study (mean follow-up, 8.3 years).

The researchers found that edentulism was significantly associated with incident hypertension in both crude and adjusted analyses (hazard ratio, 1.38 and 1.21, respectively). Stronger associations were seen among [younger women](#) (

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