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## **JFK Medical Center Hosts Free Lecture Could Bad Teeth Mean a Bad Heart?**

Edison, NJ - Could the health of your teeth and gums affect your heart? It seems like the unthinkable, but many doctors are convinced that there is a relationship between poor dental hygiene and heart disease. For years, researchers have been studying the connection between oral hygiene and cardiac health. It is suggested that inflamed bleeding gums allow bacteria in the mouth to enter the bloodstream and cause problems in the heart. Once in the blood, the bacteria attach themselves to fatty plaques that are responsible for Coronary Heart Disease (CHD).

Come to learn about the symptoms and risks! Anyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your family and friends!

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2009  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: JFK Conference Center Classrooms  
(Across the Street From the Main Hospital)  
70 James Street - Edison, NJ 08820  
Speakers: Dr. Marie Jackson & Dr. Shalini Nair  
Dental Physicians, JFK Medical Center  
Info: To register, please call the JFK Public Relations Department at 732-632-1528.

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JFK Medical Center, an affiliate of Solaris Health System, is a 535-bed full-service, acute care hospital, consisting of The Anthony M. Yelencics Community Hospital and the adjacent JFK Johnson Rehabilitative Institute. Located in the heart of Edison, NJ, it has remained at the forefront of quality care in the region since its inception in 1967. Today, JFK accommodates more than 20,000 admissions, 3,000 births and 50,000 Emergency Room visits on a yearly basis. The Medical Center features a complete array of services, including general surgery, emergency medicine, mental health, orthopedics, maternity and pediatric care. It is home to the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, Regional Cancer Center, Haven Hospice, JFK Imaging Center and the JFK Family Practice Center. Affiliated with UMDNJ -Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Seton Hall University School of Graduate Medical Education, JFK offers residency programs in physical and rehabilitation medicine, family practice and dentistry.