

# Dental products and services

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## Tongue scraping 'will help fight the ageing process'

The 2,000-year ritual of tongue scraping has had a rich and diverse set of 'adopters' - from the Romans to George Washington, Victorian aristocracy, Hindus and Buddhists.

From being an unassuming part of sound oral care practice the daily tongue scrape has taken on greater significance in the last few years. The palate cleansing aspect - enabling taste buds to function better - has led to tongue scraping becoming a part of an anti-malnutrition strategy for senior citizens - by The Malnutrition Task Force (part of Age UK)

Now it would seem, according to research (in press) by Dr Nathan Bryan, a specialist in molecular and human genetics from Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, USA, regular tongue scraping will enable 'good oral bacteria' to produce more nitric oxide.

Nitric oxide (NO) plays a crucial role in helping stem cells function efficiently. Stem cells' role is to heal the ageing body, helping to regenerate damaged or old cells.

Regular tongue scraping with the AMANO Tongue Cleanser can help 'good' oral bacteria to flourish in the mouth, while also helping to reduce dental caries and bad breath, enhancing taste, and reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease.

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