

# Video: Why do we have wisdom teeth?

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Were wisdom teeth ever good for anything?

Maria Papageorge, a professor of oral and [maxillofacial surgery](#) at Tufts School of Dental Medicine, says that long ago we needed our third molars—that's what dentists call [wisdom teeth](#)—for chewing raw meat and roots.

Provided by Tufts University

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