

**Medical Protocols
for
Periodontal Therapy**

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Prevalence of Chronic Disease

6 IN 10
Adults in the US
have a **chronic disease**

4 IN 10
Adults in the US
have **two or more**

THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AND DISABILITY
and Leading Drivers of the Nation's **\$3.5 Trillion** in Annual Health Care Costs

 HEART DISEASE	 CANCER	 CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE	 STROKE	 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE	 DIABETES	 CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE
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<https://www.nidk.nih.gov/health/newsroom/2018/08/turning-back-clock-chronic-disease>
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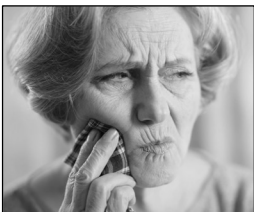
Mortality Affected by Oral Health

Nine-year study Journal
of Aging Research
5611 older adults

People who never
flossed 30% higher
death rate

Never brushing at night
increases mortality risk
by 25%

People who didn't visit
dentist in previous year
50% higher mortality
rate than those who go
2x/year

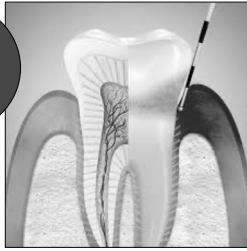


Amelia Pagani-Hill, Stuart C. White, Kathryn A. Robinson, "Dental Health Behaviors, Dentitions, and Mortality in the Elderly: The Leinweber World Cohort Study", Journal of Aging Research, vol. 2013, Article ID 148748, 10.1155/2013/148748, DOI:10.1155/2013/148748

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Prevalence of Gingivitis

93.9% of adults 18-90 years of age

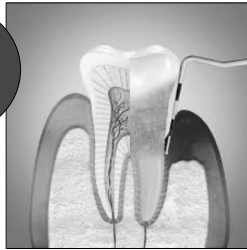


Am J Dent. 2019 Feb;32(1):10-13. Prevalence and severity of gingivitis in American adults. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cden.2018.11.001> Copyright Kathryn Gilliam, BA, BSCN, MAACDHA, WACMT 2023

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Prevalence of Periodontitis

The AD Estimates 45.2% adults 30-79 years of age



Periodontol. 2016 May;55(5):515-22. doi: 10.1177/0022034516261112. Epub 2016 Feb 4. Predicting Periodontitis at State and Local Levels in the United States. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022034516261112> Copyright Kathryn Gilliam, BA, BSCN, MAACDHA, WACMT 2023

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The Links



Association:

At increased risk for systemic disease but PD does not *cause* the systemic disease

AD

Causal Relationship:

PD *caused or initiated* the systemic disease

CVD

Bi-directional Relationship:

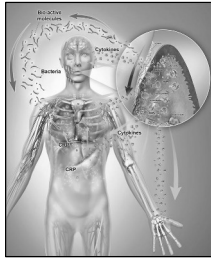
PD *contributes to* the systemic condition and the systemic disease *contributes to* the periodontal disease

DM

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Inflammation



Acute: body's natural defense triggered in response to toxins, injury or invasion by pathogens. **Pro-inflammatory cells** signal white blood cells to clear infection and damaged tissues. **Anti-inflammatory cells** signal healing process to begin.

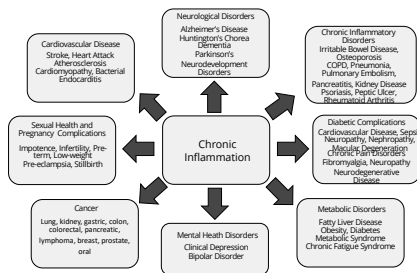
Chronic: Immune system stuck in "on" position. White blood cells are signaled, and a **continued avalanche** of cells being released without ever being "turned off."

Patena K. 2021. Chronic inflammation. [updated 2023 Jun 4]. In: StatPearls [Internet]. Treasure Island (FL): StatPearls Publishing; 2023. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/ISBN98803317/>

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Inflammation in Chronic Disease



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Polymicrobial Synergy and Dysbiosis

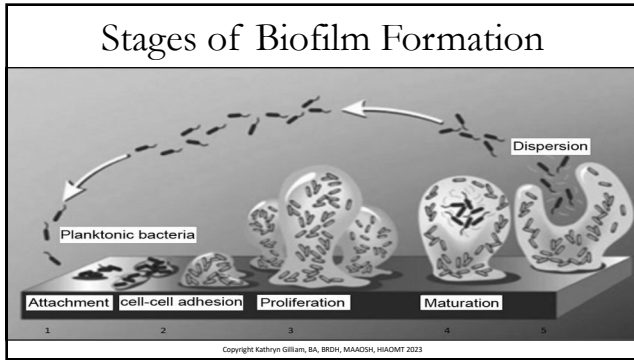
Old research focused on **DNA** analysis, which reveals the **identity** of the bacteria

New research focused on analysis of bacterial **mRNA**, which identifies **metabolic activity**

Shahz MHP, Patel GK, Pagan TL, Rashed K. Polymicrobial synergy and dysbiosis: An overview. J Indian Soc Periodontol. 2018;22(2):101-106. doi:10.4103/jip.jip_381_17

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Why non-surgical periodontal therapy alone is not enough to fully heal patients

In conventional methods of plaque biofilm debridement, periodontal pockets will still contain residual biofilm, which consists of harmful pathogens, dead tissue, and a combination of blood and inflammatory cells.

There is strong evidence that molecular components of this biofilm remain despite rigorous standard prophylaxis using high-speed ultrasonic scalars and antibiotics.

These remaining residual biofilm components continue to trigger the host's immune response and perpetuate the underlying disease.

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Periodontal Pathogens Causal for Atherosclerosis

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High-risk periodontal pathogens contribute to the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis

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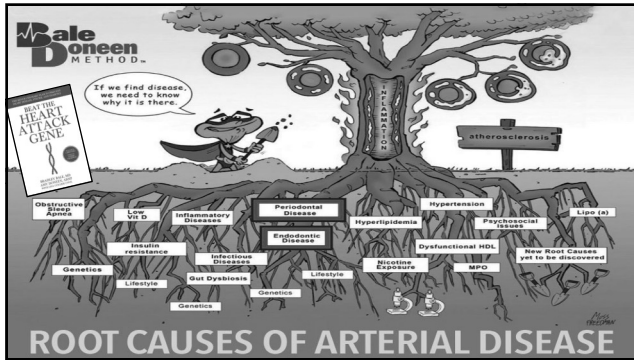
ABSTRACT
Periodontal disease (PD) is generated by microorganisms that colonize the oral cavity. These organisms cause chronic inflammation. The most common oral bacteria are *Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans*, and *Prevotella intermedia*. These bacteria are also found in atherosclerotic plaques. PD is a complex chronic inflammatory condition affecting the supporting structures of the teeth. It is characterized by inflammation, bone loss, and periodontal pocket formation. PD is a complex chronic inflammatory condition affecting the supporting structures of the teeth. It is characterized by inflammation, bone loss, and periodontal pocket formation. PD is a complex chronic inflammatory condition affecting the supporting structures of the teeth. It is characterized by inflammation, bone loss, and periodontal pocket formation.

Main messages

- Periodontal disease (PD) due to high-risk pathogens can adversely influence the atherosclerosis pathogenesis triad.
- PD caused by high-risk pathogens may be considered a contributory cause of arterial disease.
- The dental community has a substantial opportunity to mitigate the number one cause of morbidity and mortality, namely cardiovascular disease, by elucidating feasible effective management of PD due to high-risk pathogens.


<https://balelondon.com/blog/hand-ark-bala-donnen-discovery-oral-bacteria-can-cause-heart-disease/>

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Periodontal Disease and Cardiovascular Disease

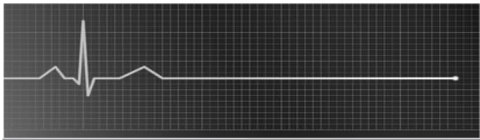
Pg and high risk perio pathogens proven to CAUSE atherosclerosis	People with oral inflammation 50% increased risk for Heart attack	People with oral inflammation 50% increased risk for stroke
Pg increases risk twice as much as smoking	Non-surgical periodontal therapy shown to decrease risk of CVD	

high-risk periodontal pathogens contribute to the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis. Bale W, Doneen AL, Vignard D. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.atherosclerosis.2020.05.008>

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Staggering statistics



People with periodontal disease are twice as likely to DIE from heart disease and three times as likely to DIE from stroke as those with healthy gums

Shahar P, Gertzel S, Wiloski B. The link between periodontal disease and cardiovascular disease: How far have come in 100 years? *Journal of Periodontology*. 2005;4(5):548-554. doi:10.4303/0077-1246.70408

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Periodontal Treatment Saves Lives



"Improvement in periodontal status associated with diminished disease progression"
INVEST Study 2013

Non-surgical periodontal therapy comparable to 30% drop in LDL cholesterol

Desai-Prasad M, Desai-Prasad M, Rastogi T, et al. Periodontal microbiome and cardiovascular disease: The Oral Infections and Vascular Disease Epidemiology Study (INVEST). Circulation. 2008;118(11):1276-1282. doi:10.1161/CIRC.000000.2008.27001.02

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Periodontal Disease and Diabetes



People with diabetes are immunocompromised and are more susceptible to periodontal disease

93% of people with diabetes have periodontal disease

Uncontrolled diabetes elevates blood glucose

Periodontal destruction occurs earlier and progresses faster

Porphyromonas gingivalis
Treponema denticola
Tannerella forsythia

People with diabetes also at risk for Caries, Salivary dysfunction and Candidiasis

Baccanelli-Martinez A, Martinez-Perera P, Kozlowski-DeMajek M, Gonzalez-Molina MA, Baccanelli-Martinez L, Maurman JH. Periodontal disease and diabetes: Review of the literature. Med Oral Patol Oral Cir Brech. 2015; Sep; 24(6):697-722. <http://www.medicinaoral.com/medoralfree01/vol24/mo6/mo6p697.pdf>

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Periodontal Disease and Alzheimer's Disease

Risk of Alzheimer's disease increases with elevated oral and systemic inflammation

Periodontal disease linked to an increase in rate of cognitive decline in people with Alzheimer's disease

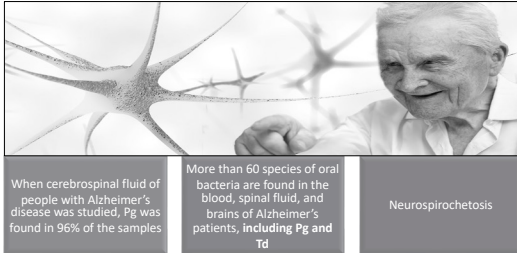
Rates of PD higher in people with AD; less likely to engage in good oral hygiene



Wirth A, Grieshaber SM, Gatz M. Inflammation as a potential mediator for the association between periodontal disease and Alzheimer's disease. Neuroepidemiology. 2010;35(1):40-47. doi:10.1159/000315000

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Periodontal Disease and Alzheimer's Disease



Porphyromonas gingivalis in Alzheimer's disease brains: Evidence for disease causation and treatment with small-molecule inhibitors. Bowling B, et al. *Science Advances*. 2019;15(1):1-6. doi:10.1126/sciadv.aba0000

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Periodontal Disease and Pre-term, Low Birth Weight Babies



540,000+ premature births (<37 weeks) per year in US

50% of cases had "no known cause"

Gingivitis increases risk of pregnancy complications 2-7x

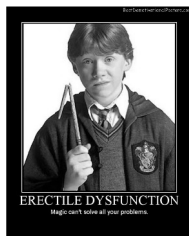
Pregnant women w/PD only 1 in 7 chance of healthy baby of normal weight

Wu M, Chen SM, Jiang Y. Relationship between gingival inflammation and pregnancy: Mediation by inflammation. 2015;2015:423627. doi:10.1155/2015/423627

van W, Fardini V, Chen C, et al. Term offspring caused by oral Fusobacterium nucleatum. *Obstet Gynecol*. 2022;121(2):240-246. doi:10.1097/AOG.0000000000004066

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Periodontal Disease and Male Reproductive Dysfunction



Elevated risk of low sperm count and concentration

Men with PD 3x more risk of erectile dysfunction

Men dx with ED 80% more likely to have PD than men without ED

Improved oral health can improve erectile function

Singh V, Sharma S, Warren S, Madhugan N, Nayak S. Oral health and Erectile Dysfunction.

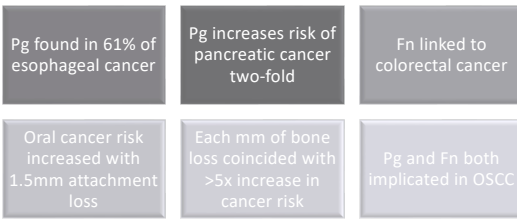
J Hum Reprod Sci. 2017;10(2):142-146. doi:10.4103/JHS.1085_17_17

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Qian, Faith, et al. "Is There a Relationship between Chronic Periodontitis and Erectile Dysfunction?" *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*. 2012.

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Periodontal Disease and Cancer

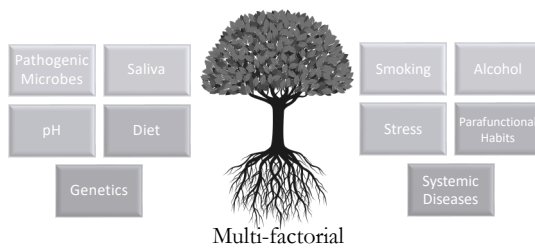


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Root Causes Dental Diseases



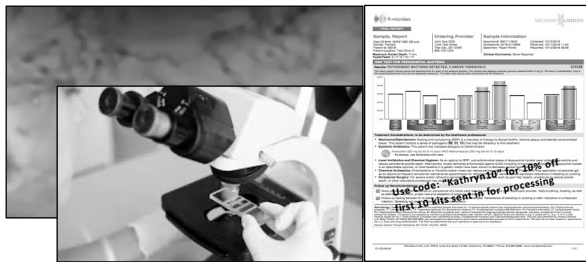
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Kaur G, Grover V, Bhaskar N, Kaur RK, Jain A. Periodontal Infectoecogenomics. *Inflamm Regen*. 2018;8:8. Published 2018 May 7. doi:10.1186/s41232-018-0065-x

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Medical Model of Dentistry

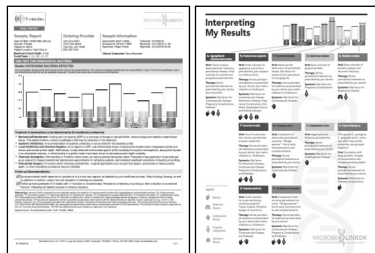


Integrated Medical-Dental Delivery Systems: Models in a Changing Environment and Their Implications for Dental Education (Lipman A, Jansen JA, & Shapiro, David S, Dennis and Michael J. Hargreaves. *Journal of Dental Education* September 2017; 81 (9) e429-e436. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdent.2017.07.008>

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Medical Model of Care: Bacterial DNA Testing



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Comparison of Red-Complex Bacteria Between Saliva and Subgingival Plaque of Periodontitis Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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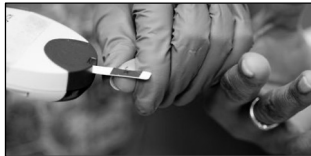
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Laboratory Testing HbA1c Blood Glucose Monitoring



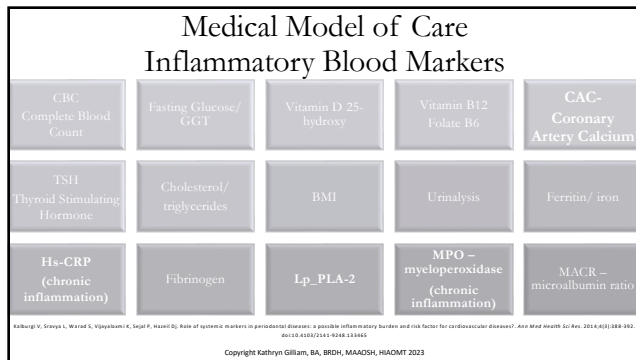
Normal 5.4

Borderline
Prediabetes
5.5-5.6

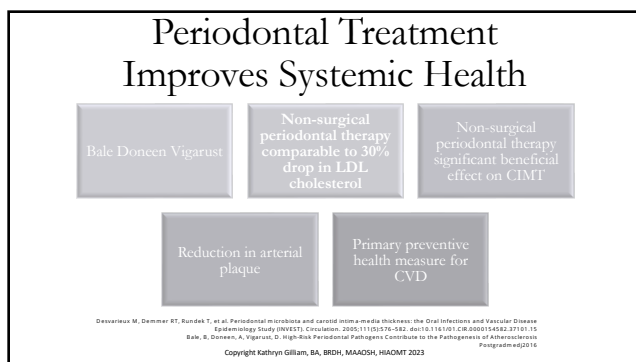
Prediabetes
5.7-6.4

Diabetes 6.5+

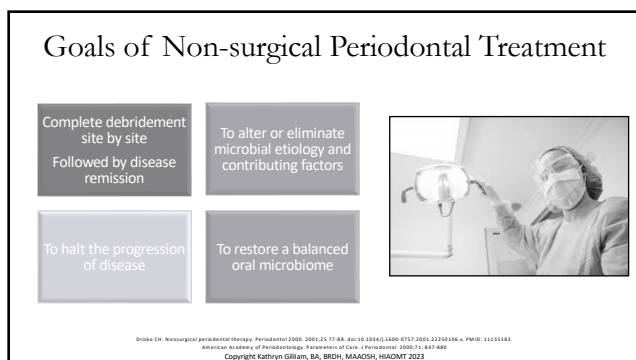
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Acute Wound vs. Chronic Wound

Acute wound: injury followed by immune system response that results in complete resolution and healing.

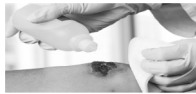
Chronic wound: fails to heal in reasonable time (3 months); has polymicrobial etiology and prolonged host degeneration with generalized loss of tissue function due to increased inflammatory mediators and biofilm characteristics, such as decreased oxygenation.

Whitney JD. Overview: acute and chronic wounds. Nurs Clin North Am. 2005 Nov;49(5):593-605. + doi: 10.1016/j.cnur.2004.09.002. PMID: 16248889.
Chronic Wound Management of Periodontal Disease. Keller, Duane Clay. Oral Biology and Dentistry, Volume 6, Article 2, ISSN 2053-557.

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Wound care protocols in medicine



Repeated debridement of biofilm and dead tissue

Repeated application of topical antibiotic gel following debridement

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy increases concentration; stimulates blood vessel growth

Xylitol with anti-adhesion properties to prevent biofilm from adhering to tissues

Lactoferrin, xylitol, arginine or other products to prevent bacteria from clumping together

Long-term therapy – 3-12 months

R. Watson, MB. Disrupting the biofilm: active improves wound healing outcomes. Journal of Wound Care. 24(8) August 2013.
Regular debridement is the mainstay for maintaining a healthy wound bed. Watson, R et al. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cnur.2004.09.002>

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Wound care protocols in periodontal therapy

Repeated debridement of biofilm and dead tissue

Repeated application of topical antibiotic or antimicrobial gel or rinses following debridement

Xylitol with anti-adhesion properties to prevent biofilm from adhering to tissues

Xylitol, arginine or other products to prevent bacteria from clumping together

Long-term therapy – 2-6 weeks active therapy and 6-12 weeks supportive maintenance

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Oral wellness practice				
In-depth health history review	Screening of vital signs	Head and neck cancer screening with fluorescence	Airway and sleep evaluation	Comprehensive periodontal examination
Microscope evaluation	Occlusal and function evaluation	pH testing/ Caries risk assessment	Oral biofilm testing	Genetic Testing
Host modulation (smoking cessation & diabetes counseling)	Nutritional counseling, supplementation, probiotics	Repeated debridement (ultrasonic, air polishing, laser)	Topical antibiotics or antimicrobials/ limited systemic antibiotics	Inflammation testing (HbA1c, Hs-CRP, Lp-PLA2, MPO)
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