

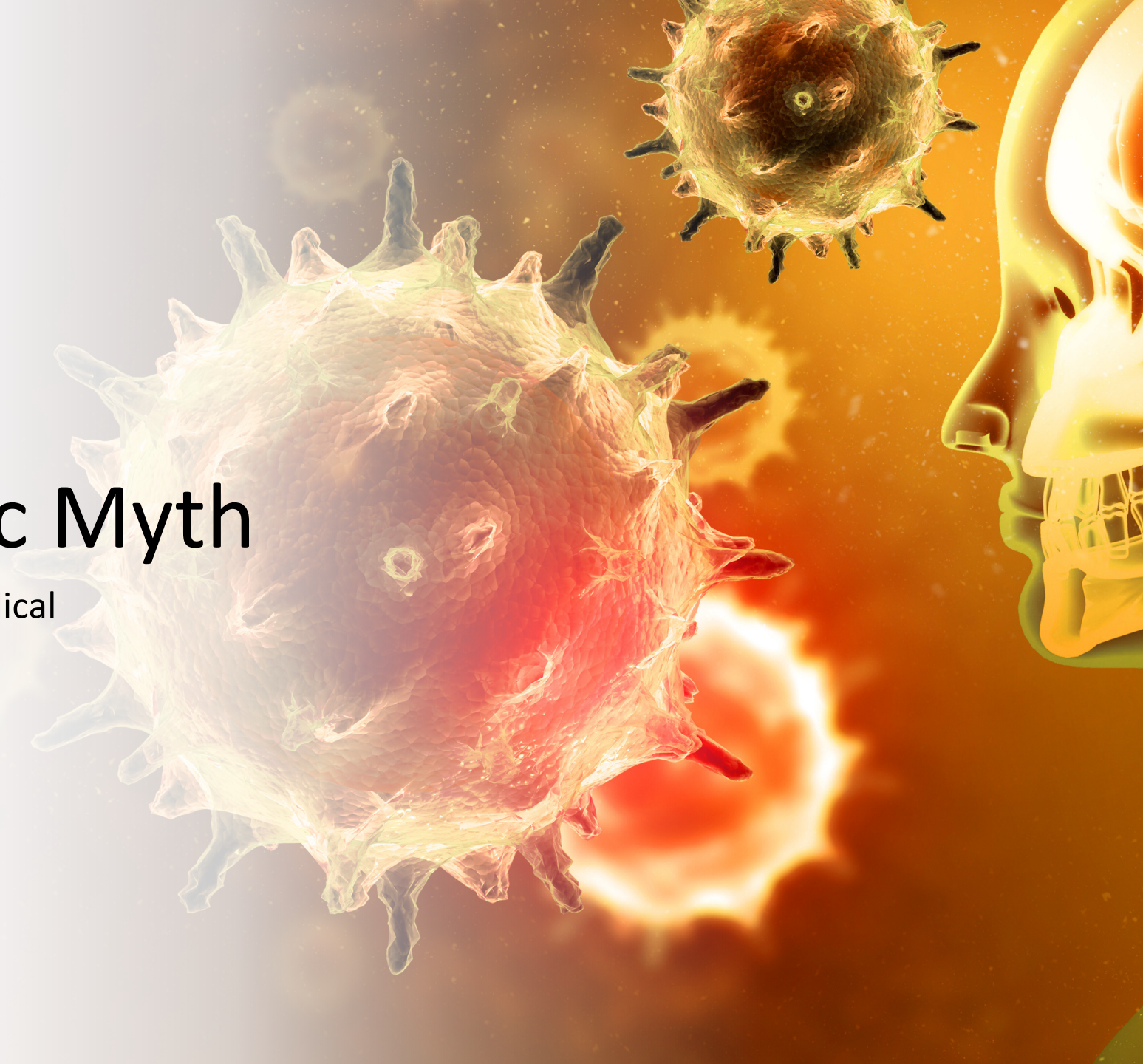


# The Oral-Systemic Myth

A provocative Course in Bridging the Medical  
& Dental Professions

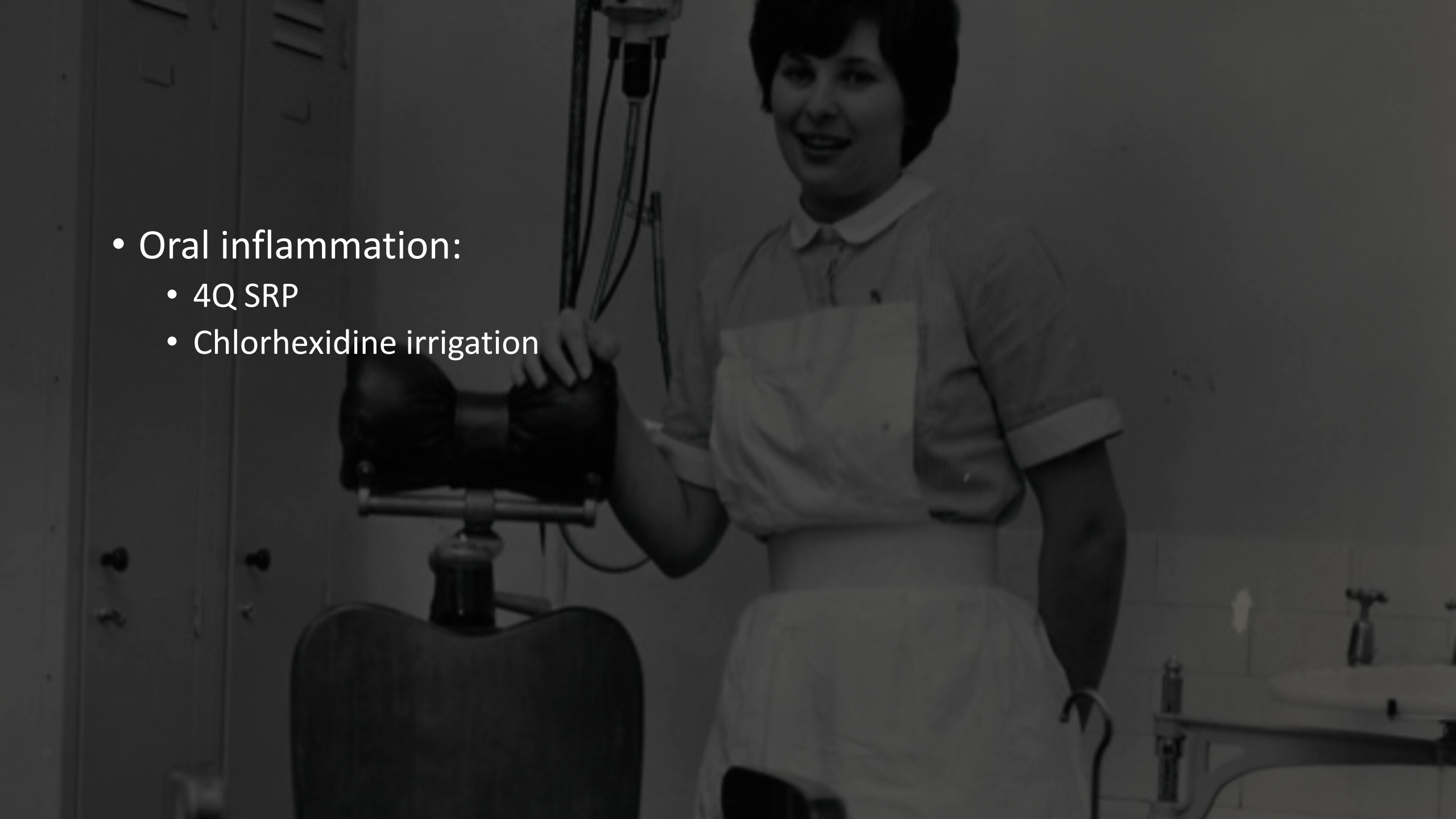
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- Oral inflammation:
  - 4Q SRP
  - Chlorhexidine irrigation





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- A black and white photograph of a dental professional, likely a hygienist, standing in a clinical setting. She is wearing a white short-sleeved uniform with a white apron. She is holding a dental instrument, possibly a scaler, and is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background shows a dental office environment with a sink and various pieces of equipment.
- Oral inflammation:
    - 4Q SRP
    - Chlorhexidine irrigation
  - Maintenance procedures:
    - Prophylaxis
    - 6 month hygiene recall
  - Decay:
    - Removal of decay
    - Placement of restoration
    - Remineralization therapy

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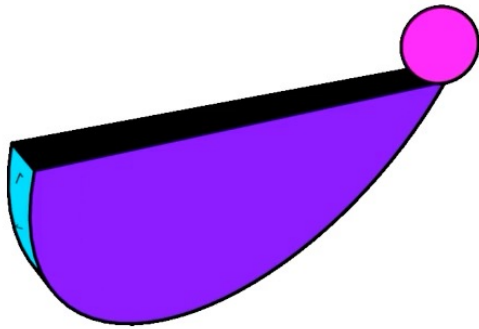




# Evolution of Dentistry

- Infection Control
- Disease Prevention
- Technology
- Research
- Patients
  - Longer life expectancy
  - Co-morbidities
- Renewed focus of health & wellness
- Cosmetic Dentistry

# When To Evaluate Our Work?



ALMOST 1 IN 2  
ADULTS HAVE  
PERIODONTITIS



90% OF ADULTS HAVE  
A HISTORY OF  
DENTAL DECAY



1 AMERICAN DIES  
EVERY HOUR FROM  
ORAL CANCER





# Course Objectives



Evaluate aspects of the medical model as they relate to integrative patient care



Identify the challenges regarding the management of the oral-systemic link by dental professionals



Discuss implementation strategies for oral disease as they relate to the oral-systemic link



Understand co-therapeutic strategies in comprehensive patient care

I am on the editorial advisory board for endeavor business media and dental products report.

I do not have any personal conflict of interest with regard to the topic of my talk here today.

I have received honorarium for the preparation and presentation of this program from this study club.

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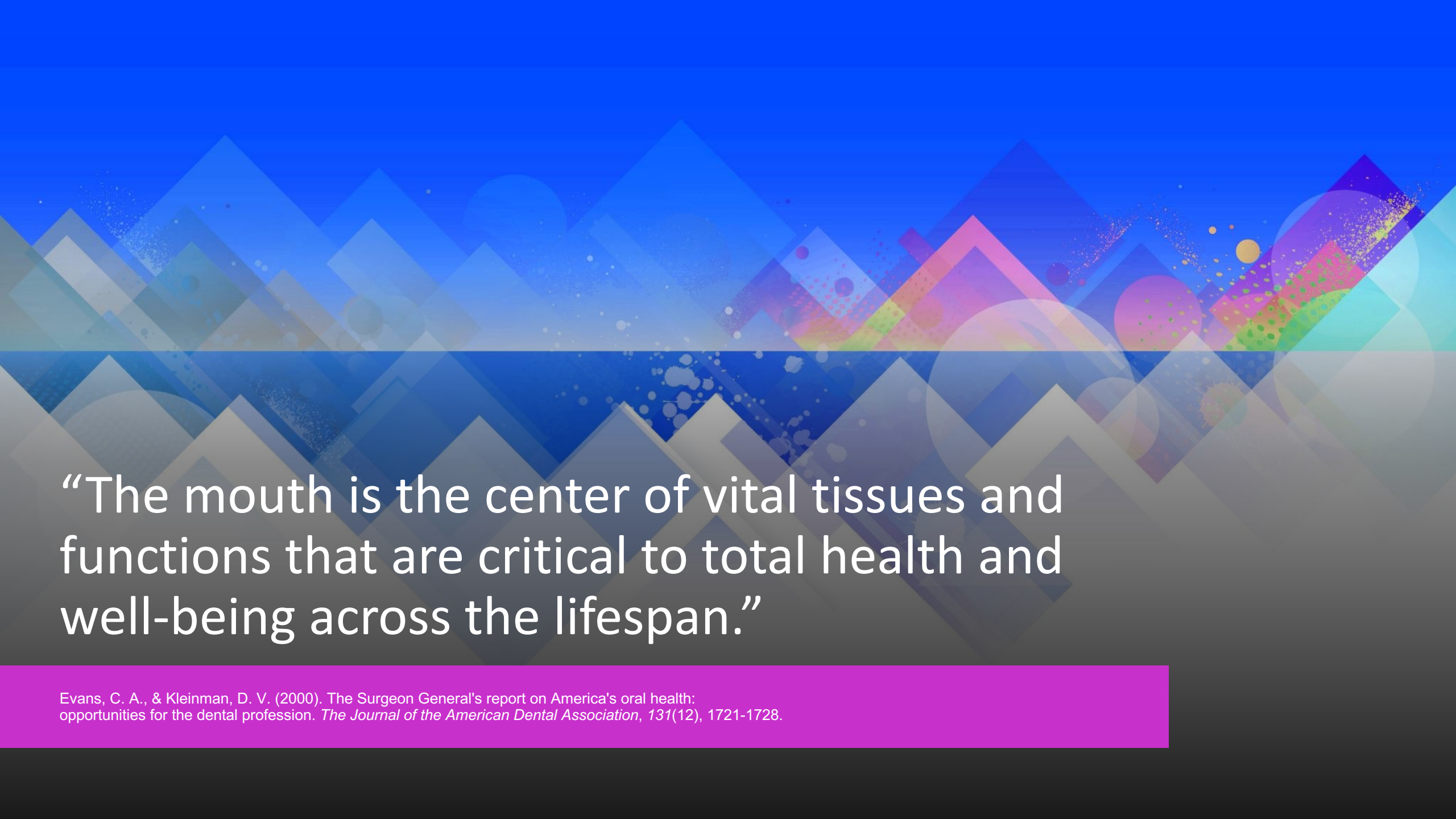
I am an employee of AZPerio.



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THE DENTAL WINEGENIST™





“The mouth is the center of vital tissues and functions that are critical to total health and well-being across the lifespan.”


Evans, C. A., & Kleinman, D. V. (2000). The Surgeon General's report on America's oral health: opportunities for the dental profession. *The Journal of the American Dental Association*, 131(12), 1721-1728.



“Illnesses do not come upon us out of the blue. They are developed from small daily sins against Nature. When enough sins have accumulated, illnesses will suddenly appear.”

~Hippocrates





Who is the preventive specialist within the community?

Primary Care Physician

**09:36**

Dentist

**05:00**

Dental Hygienist

**40:00 – 60:00**





**We see patients  
in a perceived  
state of health**





# Clinical Decision Making Model

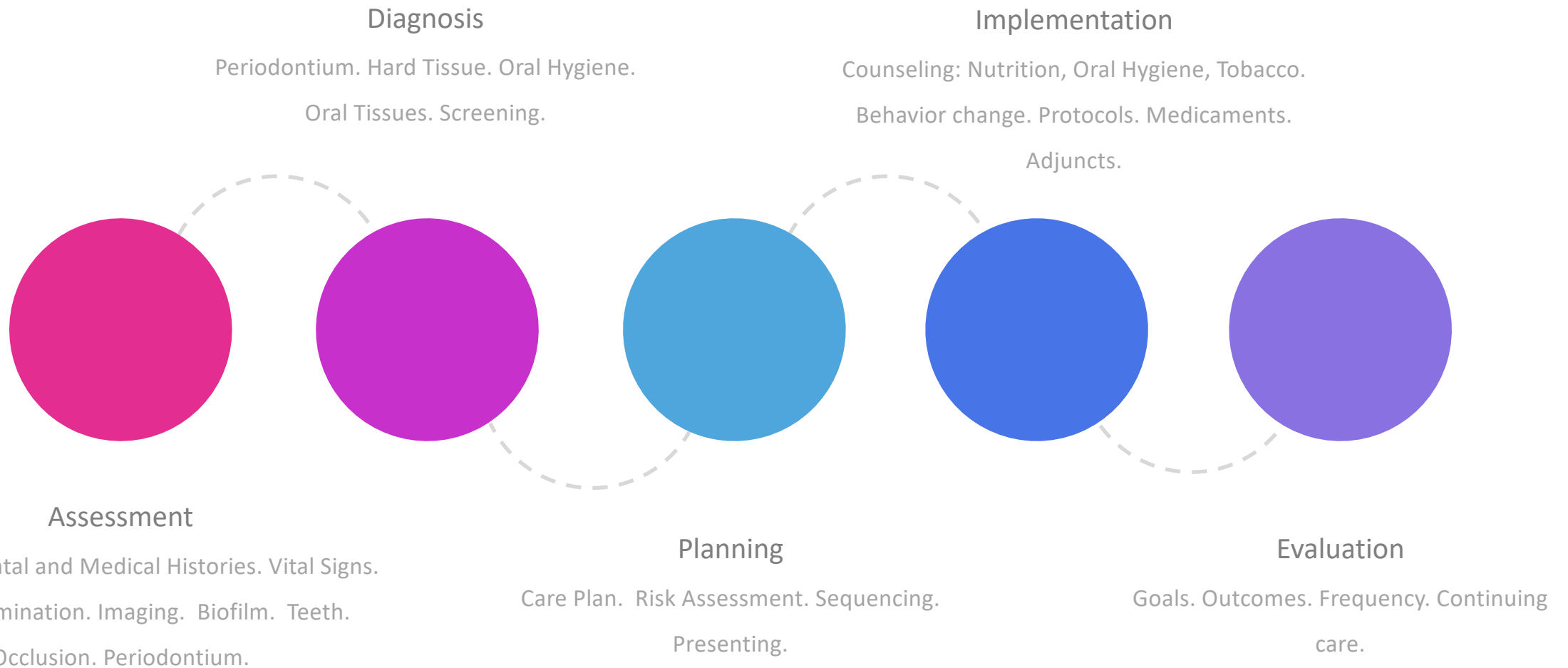
- Routine Films | Exams
- Screen for disease
- Prophylaxis
- Root plane
- Treat decay

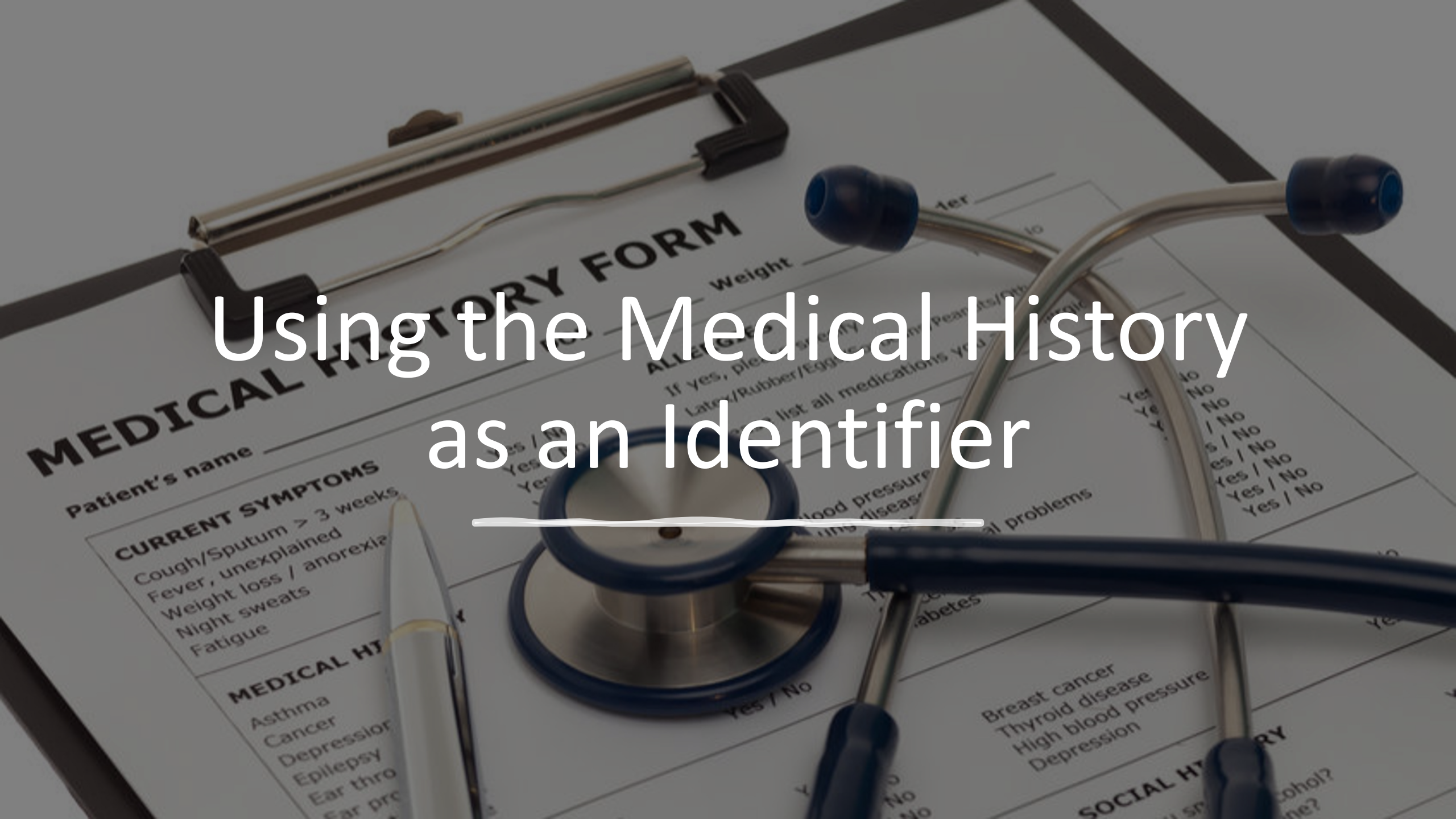
“When you look at the way we actually treat our teeth, it would appear that our oral health is unimportant to us, a fact barely hidden by the veneer of orthodontia and teeth whitening procedures”  
-Dr Steven Lin





# The Dental Hygiene Process of Care



A medical history form is shown on a clipboard, held together by a silver metal clip. A blue stethoscope is placed over the form, and a silver pen lies to the left. The form contains various sections for patient information and medical history. The title 'MEDICAL HISTORY FORM' is prominently displayed at the top. Below it, there are sections for 'Patient's name', 'CURRENT SYMPTOMS', 'MEDICAL HISTORY', and 'SOCIAL HISTORY'. The 'CURRENT SYMPTOMS' section lists 'Cough/Sputum > 3 weeks', 'Fever, unexplained', 'Weight loss / anorexia', 'Night sweats', and 'Fatigue'. The 'MEDICAL HISTORY' section lists 'Asthma', 'Cancer', 'Depression', 'Epilepsy', 'Ear thro', and 'Ear pre'. The 'SOCIAL HISTORY' section is partially visible at the bottom. The text 'Using the Medical History as an Identifier' is overlaid in white on the form, with a white underline beneath the word 'Identifier'.

# Using the Medical History as an Identifier

Patient's name \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRENT SYMPTOMS

Cough/Sputum > 3 weeks  
Fever, unexplained  
Weight loss / anorexia  
Night sweats  
Fatigue

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Asthma  
Cancer  
Depression  
Epilepsy  
Ear thro  
Ear pre

## SOCIAL HISTORY

Breast cancer  
Thyroid disease  
High blood pressure  
Depression



# Meet Chris

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- Patient of record for five years.
- Medical history: hypertension. RX: Atenolol.
- Periodontal Maintenance Appointment:
  - History of SRP 1.5 years ago
  - Presents with localized 4mm periodontal pockets with moderate bleeding tendency



# Medical History Evaluation



MEDICAL CONDITIONS



MEDICATIONS



DENTAL HISTORY



GENETICS & PERSONAL  
HISTORY



VITAL SIGNS



NUTRITIONAL STATUS




# Hidden Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Disease

- Migraine Headaches
  - Women are four times more likely to experience a cardiovascular episode
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
  - Raises heart attack risk by 45%
  - In conjunction with high cholesterol, heart attack risk soars to 700% risk
- Gout
  - Elevated risk for insulin resistance
- Lack of sleep/Sleep Apnea
  - 1 additional hour of rest reduces calcium buildup and heart disease risk by 33%
- Erectile Dysfunction
  - 30 million men affected
- Depression & Anxiety
  - Doubles the risk of stroke and heart disease
- Vitamin D Deficiency
  - Increases risk of hypertension & diabetes and 30% increased risk of cardiomyopathy
- Psoriasis
  - 40% of those with Psoriasis experience a metabolic disorder. Same risk as smoking.



# Asthma

Asthmatics have a 60% increased risk of a cardiovascular event over a non-asthmatic



# Migraine Headaches

- Migraine headaches are associated with a doubled risk for an ischemic stroke and 50% increased risk of heart attack

# Gout

- Gout is associated with insulin resistance
- Gout significantly increased the risk of stroke by 34% in women and of heart attack by 14% in men



# Hypothyroidism

- Mild hyperthyroidism is significantly associated with atrial fibrillation
- Severe hypothyroidism doubles the risk of a heart attack

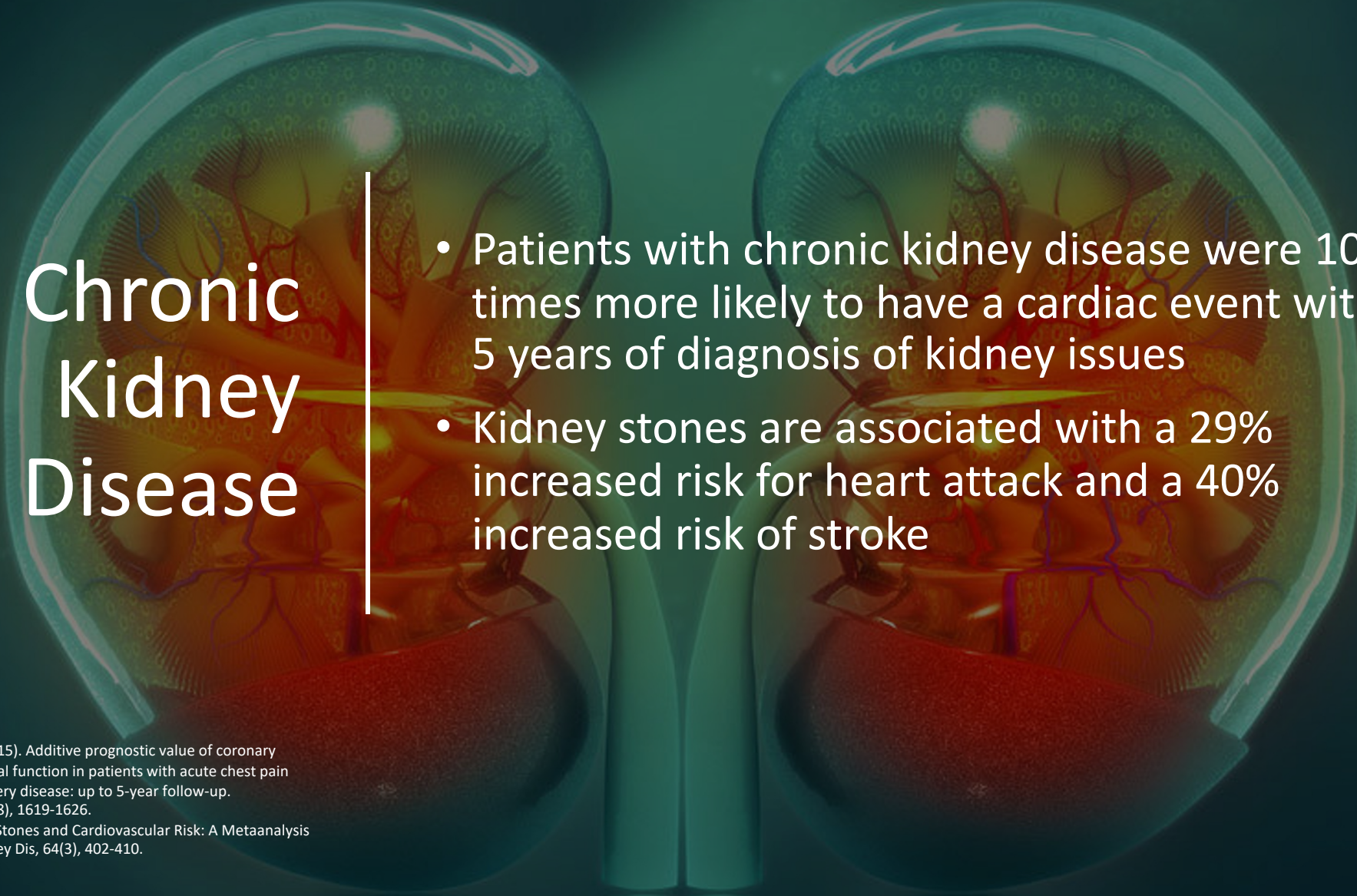
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doi:10.1161/CIRCGEN.118.002468



# Erectile Dysfunction

- Identification of erectile dysfunction indicates a marker for microvascular issues
- Doubles the risk of a cardiovascular event within the next 4 years



An anatomical illustration of two kidneys, shown in a cross-sectional view. The kidneys are rendered in a semi-transparent, reddish-brown color, revealing internal structures like the renal cortex, medulla, and renal pyramids. A central vertical white line runs between the two kidneys. The background is a dark, teal-green gradient.

# Chronic Kidney Disease

- Patients with chronic kidney disease were 10 times more likely to have a cardiac event within 5 years of diagnosis of kidney issues
- Kidney stones are associated with a 29% increased risk for heart attack and a 40% increased risk of stroke

Chaikriangkrai, K., et. al. (2015). Additive prognostic value of coronary artery calcium score and renal function in patients with acute chest pain without known coronary artery disease: up to 5-year follow-up. *Int J Cardiovasc Imaging*. 31(8), 1619-1626.

Liu, Y., et. al. (2014). Kidney Stones and Cardiovascular Risk: A Metaanalysis of Cohort Studies. *Am J Kidney Dis*, 64(3), 402-410.

# Reflux Disease

- Infection with *H. pylori* triples the chance of having coronary atherosclerosis disease
- Proton Pump Inhibitors: the most chronically prescribed medication; not meant for long-term use
  - Proton Pump Inhibitors increase the risk of heart attack by 16% and double the risk of a cardiovascular mortality

Lee M, et al "Current Helicobacter pylori infection is significantly associated with subclinical coronary atherosclerosis in healthy subjects: A cross-sectional study" PloS One 2018; 13(3): e0193646.  
Shah NH, LePendu P., Bauer-Mehren A., et al. (June 10, 2015). Proton Pump Inhibitor Usage and the risk of MI in the general population. LLoS ONE 10(6).



# HIV/AIDS



- HIV increases the risk of heart attack by 50% and increased risk of developing peripheral arterial disease within 9 years of diagnosis

# Hodgkin's Lymphoma

- Patients presenting with Hodgkin's Lymphoma present with a 4-6 times increased risk of congenital heart disease or heart failure; this risk persists for 35 years or greater



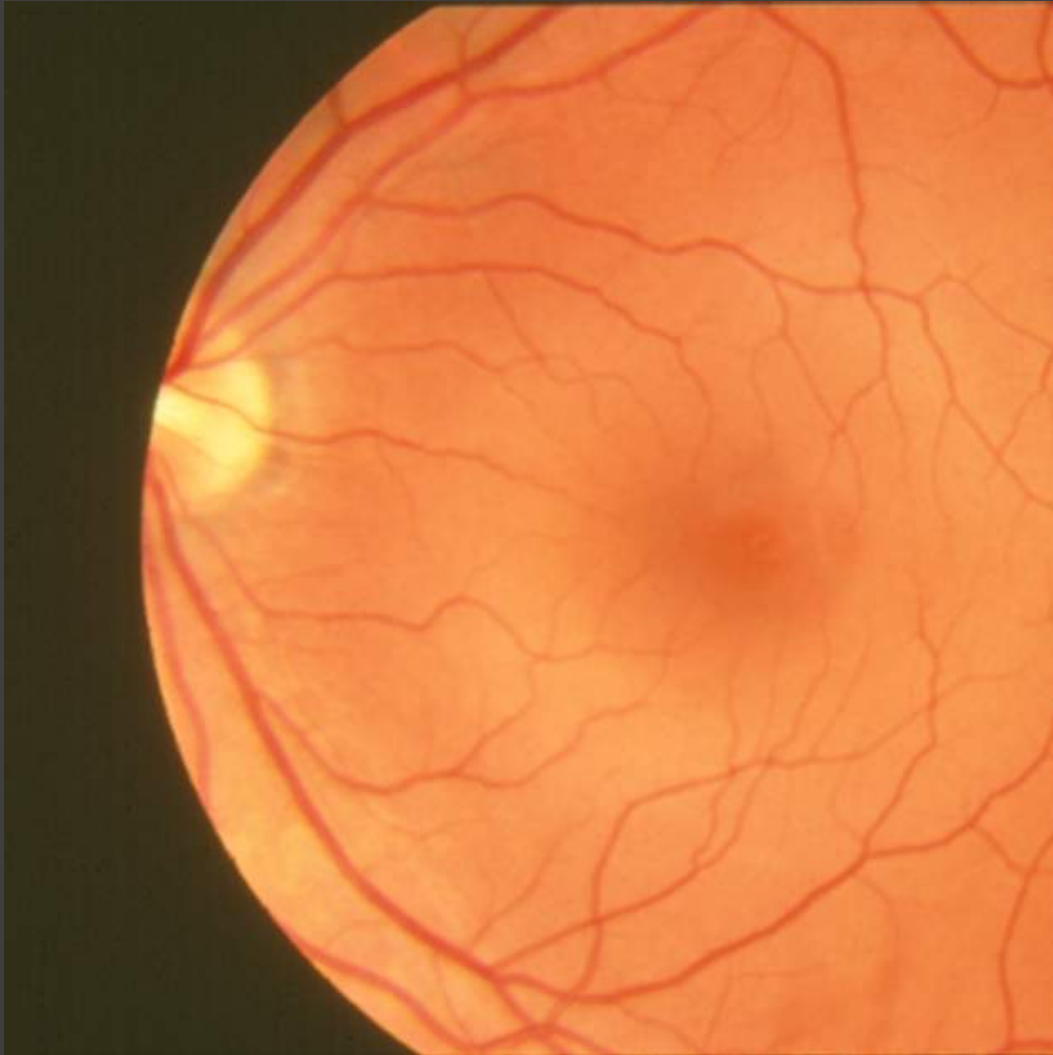
A close-up photograph of a person's hand and forearm. The hand is wearing a large, ornate ring on the ring finger. The forearm is wrapped in white medical tape, and a clear plastic IV drip chamber is attached to the arm. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

# Cancer Chemotherapy

- Chemotherapeutic agents are cardiotoxic
- Can lead to coronary artery disease, heart failure or arrhythmias

Using information from  
other professions to  
determine risk

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- Breast arterial calcifications can predict cardiovascular risk
- Retinal photographs can predict cardiovascular risk
- Abdominal aorta calcifications and lower limb calcifications can predict cardiac death

Rotter MA, Schnatz PF, Currier AA et al. Breast arterial calcifications (BACs) found on screening mammography and their association with cardiovascular disease. *Menopause* 3/10/2008; 15:276-281.

Poplin, R., Varadarajan, A., Blumer, K., et al. Prediction of cardiovascular risk factors from retinal fundus photographs via deep learning. *Nature Biomedical Engineering*. Feb 19, 2018. doi:10.1038/s41551-018-0195-0

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# Comorbid Conditions Impacting Wound Healing

Infection

Poor circulation

Poor nutrition

Diabetes

Autoimmune conditions

Excessive swelling

Repetitive trauma





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# Mayo Clinic Prospective, Case- Controlled Study

339 patients with PJI | 339 uninfected patients

1. Antibiotic premedication before dental treatment was not associated with lower risk
2. Staphylococci were most commonly encountered organisms isolated from the infection sites
3. 13.5% of joint infection cases were associated with bacterial flora of oral or dental origin
4. Good oral hygiene was associated with lower risk of PJI

# Premedication

Speaker: Katrina

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ORTHOGUIDELINES



“The practice of Evidence-Based Medicine is the integration of the best research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values”



Sackett DL, Straus SE, Richardson WS, et al. Evidence-based medicine: how to practice and teach EBM, 2nd ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 2000.

Search

All Guidelines

Sort By Strength

Sort By Speciality

Sort By Stage of Care

Appropriate Use Criteria

Education/CME Credit

AAOS



6.5%-7.9%

"Stable" Diabetic Patient

8.0%-8.9%

Poorly Controlled

9.0%-10.9%

No Elective Procedures

11.0% +

Proceed with caution

Below 50 mg/dL

Hypoglycemia Patient

50-119 mg/dL

Otherwise Healthy Patient

120-179 mg/dL

Stable Diabetic Patient

180-214 mg/dL

Poorly Controlled Diabetes

215-279 mg/dL

Extremely Uncontrolled Diabetes

280 + mg/dL

Proceed with caution



## Dental Treatment Helps Lower Your Hemoglobin A1c



*With Miguel Vinas, PhD, and Amy Hess-Fischl, MS, RD, LDN, BC-ADM, CDE*

# Risk Factors for Ulcerations & Amputations

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- Diabetes/glycemic control
- Peripheral sensory & motor neuropathy
- Vascular insufficiency
- Infection management
- Structural foot deformity
- History of previous ulcer or amputation
- Limited joint mobility
- Improper footwear
- Charcot deformity



- 65 years or older (70% of Americans 65 and older have periodontal disease)
- Cardiovascular conditions
- Diabetes
- Smoking/tobacco use
- Obesity
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Poor nutrition
- Clenching or grinding
- Medications such as oral contraceptives, anti-depressants and certain heart medications.
- Genetics
- Stress



# Using the Patient Interview as an Identifier



Chowdhury, R., et al. (2018). Environmental toxic metal contaminants and risk of cardiovascular disease: systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMJ* 2018;362:k3310

Sun, S., et al. (2020). "Outdoor light at night and risk of coronary heart disease among older adults: a prospective cohort study." *European Heart Journal*. 00, 1–9. doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehaa846

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# Pollution

- Environmental toxic metals increase risk of cardiovascular disease; particularly Arsenic [23%], Lead [85%], Cadmium [29%] and Copper [22%]
- Light pollution is associated with 23-30% increased risk of heart attack
- Air pollution exposure increases risk of cardiovascular disease



# Lifestyle Stressors

- Working 55+ hours per week was associated with a 13% increased risk of myocardial infarction and 33% increased risk of stroke
- Caregivers have a 15% increased risk of heart attack and a 25% increased risk of stroke
- Social dining increases cardiovascular risk: dining out is associated with a 31% increased risk for vascular disease
- Occupational:
  - Firefighters have a 12 times elevated risk of experiencing coronary death during work, likely due to air pollution, the activation of the fight or flight response, long work shifts and poor sleep patterns
- Divorce:
  - Divorce increases heart attack risk in women by 30%
  - Remarrying increases heart attack risk in women by 40%
  - A second divorce in women doubles the risk of a heart attack
  - Men experience a 40% increased risk of heart attack only after a 2<sup>nd</sup> divorce

Kivimaki, M., Nyberg, S., et al. Long working hours and risk of coronary heart disease and stroke: a systematic review and meta-analysis of published and unpublished data for 603 838 individuals. *Lancet* 2015; 386: 1739–46

Jianguang Ji, et. al. Increased Risks of Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke Among Spousal Caregivers of Cancer Patients *Circulation*. (2012) 125(14):1742-1747

Peñalvo, J. L., et. al. (2016). Association Between a Social-Business Eating Pattern and Early Asymptomatic Atherosclerosis. *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 68(8), 805-814.

Kales, S. N., et. al. (2007). Emergency Duties and Deaths from Heart Disease among Firefighters in the United States. *New England Journal of Medicine*, 356(12), 1207-1215.

Dupre, M. E., et. al. (2015). Association Between Divorce and Risks for Acute Myocardial Infarction. *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. doi: 10.1161/circoutcomes.114.001291



# Red Flags for Cardiovascular Events in Women



- Migraine headaches with an aura have a 90% increased risk of stroke
- Autoimmune disorders
- History of breast cancer
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
- Bulimia nervosa
- Early/premature menopause is associated with a 55% increased risk of cardiovascular disease



# Pregnancy in Women

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- Pregnancy complications are not temporary
- Gestational hypertension is associated with a 67% increased risk of cardiovascular disease
- Pre-eclampsia is associated with a 75% increased risk of death from cardiovascular disease via risk of heart attack and stroke from venous blood clotting
- Gestational diabetes provides a two-fold risk for developing Type II diabetes and 68% increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease
- 2 or more miscarriages are predictive of a two-fold increased risk associated with hypertension, myocardial infarction and stroke
- Delivery of a pre-term birth is associated with a two-fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease and death



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# Using the Head & Neck Examination as an Identifier

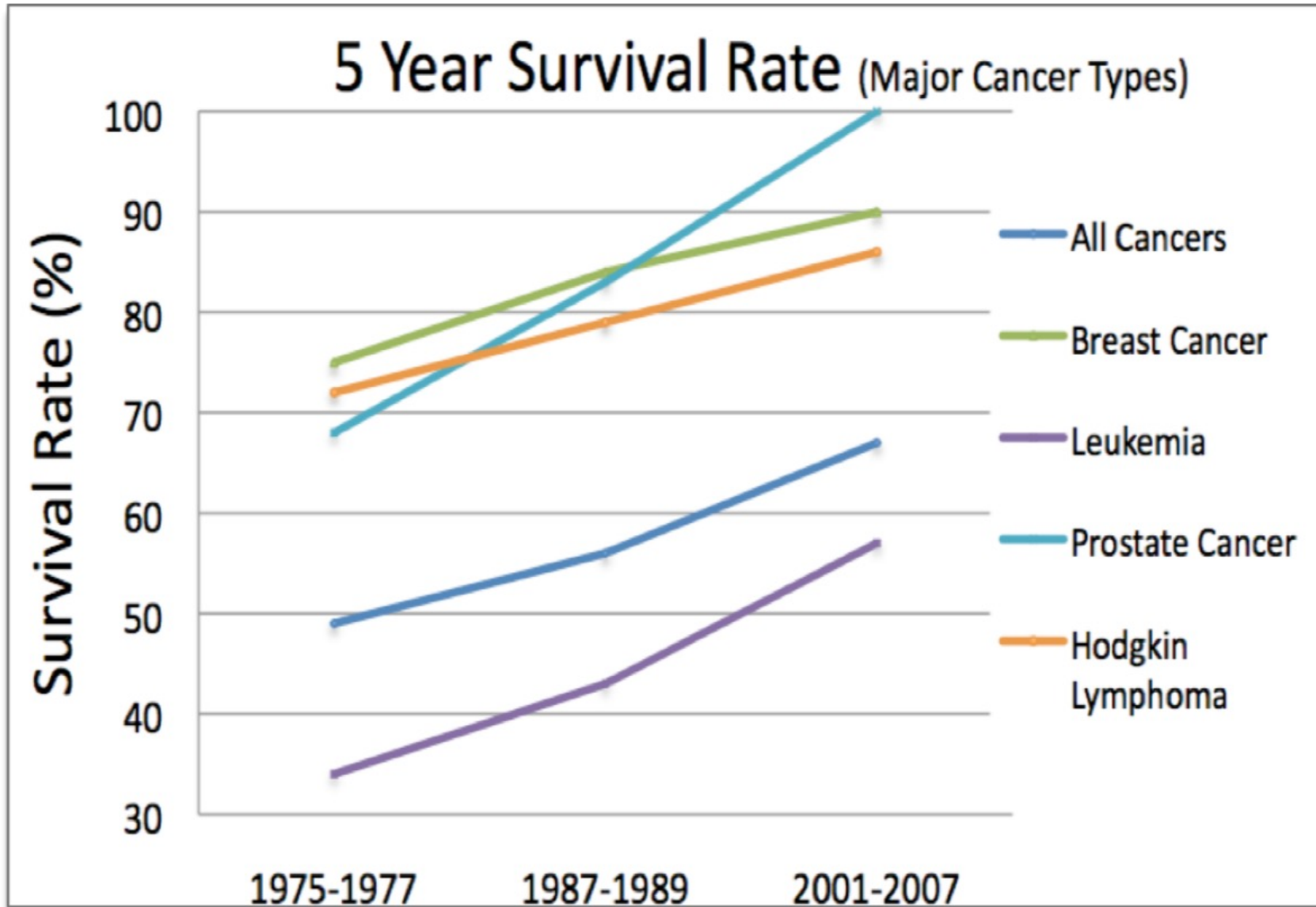
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# Oral Cancer

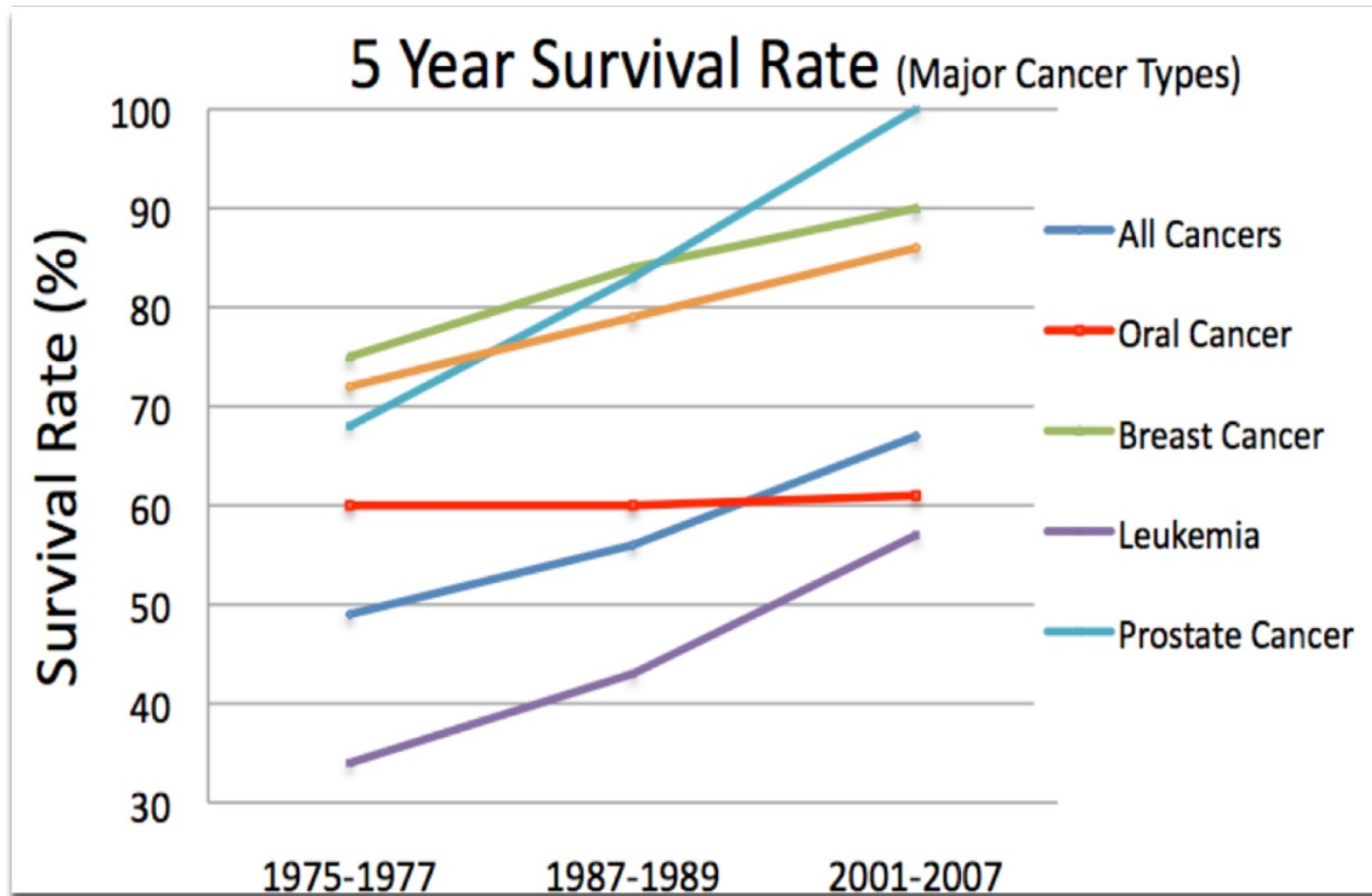
- The death rate of oral cancer is higher than that of other cancers such as cervical cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, laryngeal cancer, etc.
- Oral cancer kills roughly 1 person per hour, 24 hours per day.





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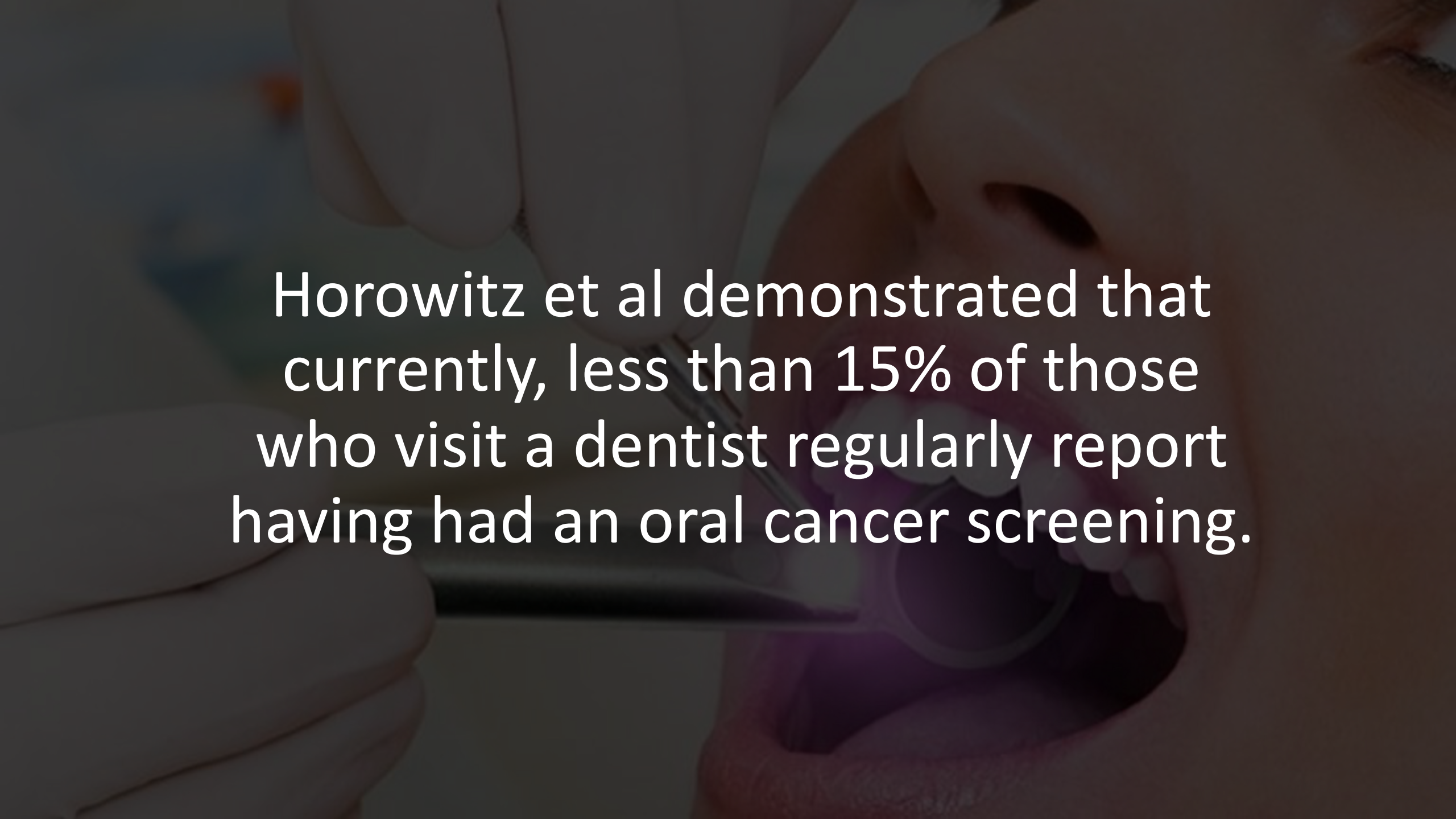




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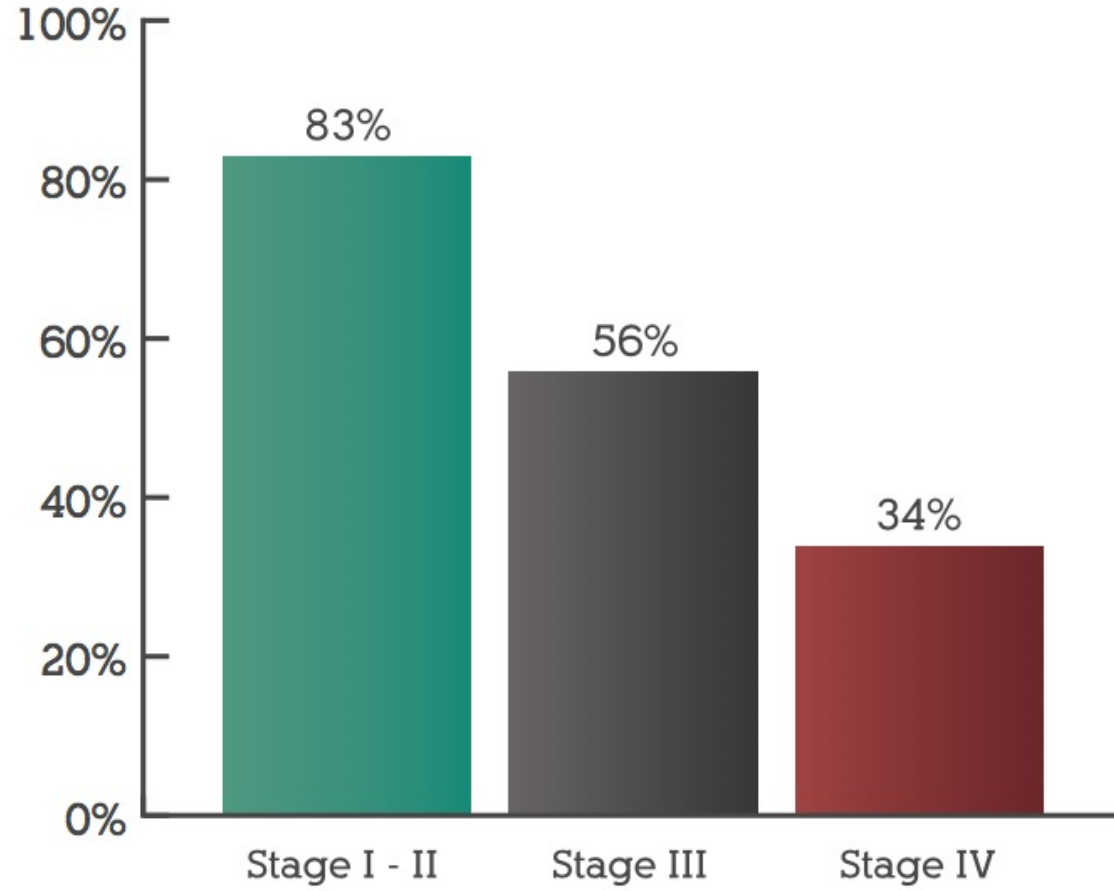




Horowitz et al demonstrated that currently, less than 15% of those who visit a dentist regularly report having had an oral cancer screening.

# ORAL CANCER SURVIVAL RATES

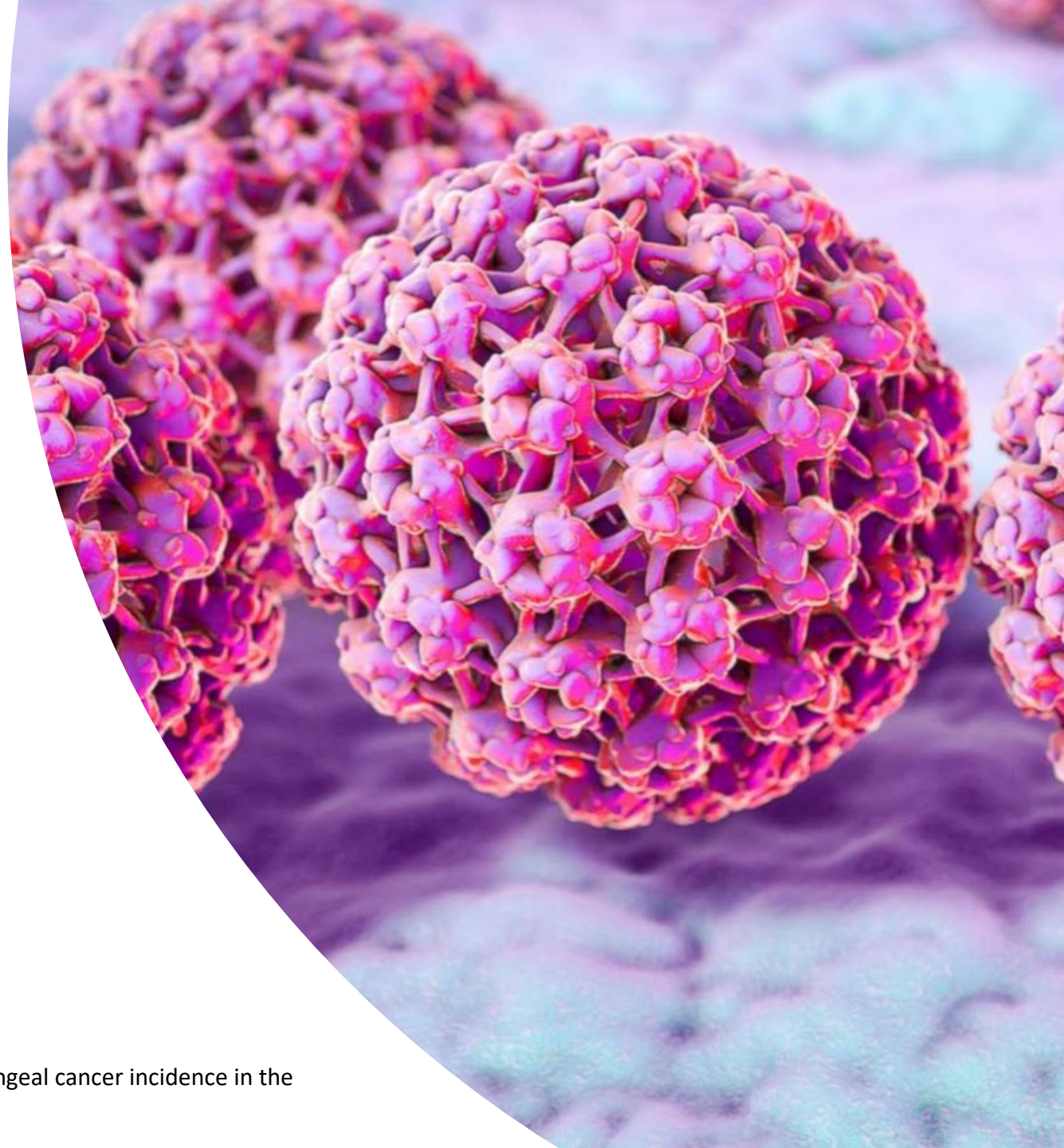
*5 Year Survival Rate at Stage of Discovery*



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# HPV-16 | HPV-18

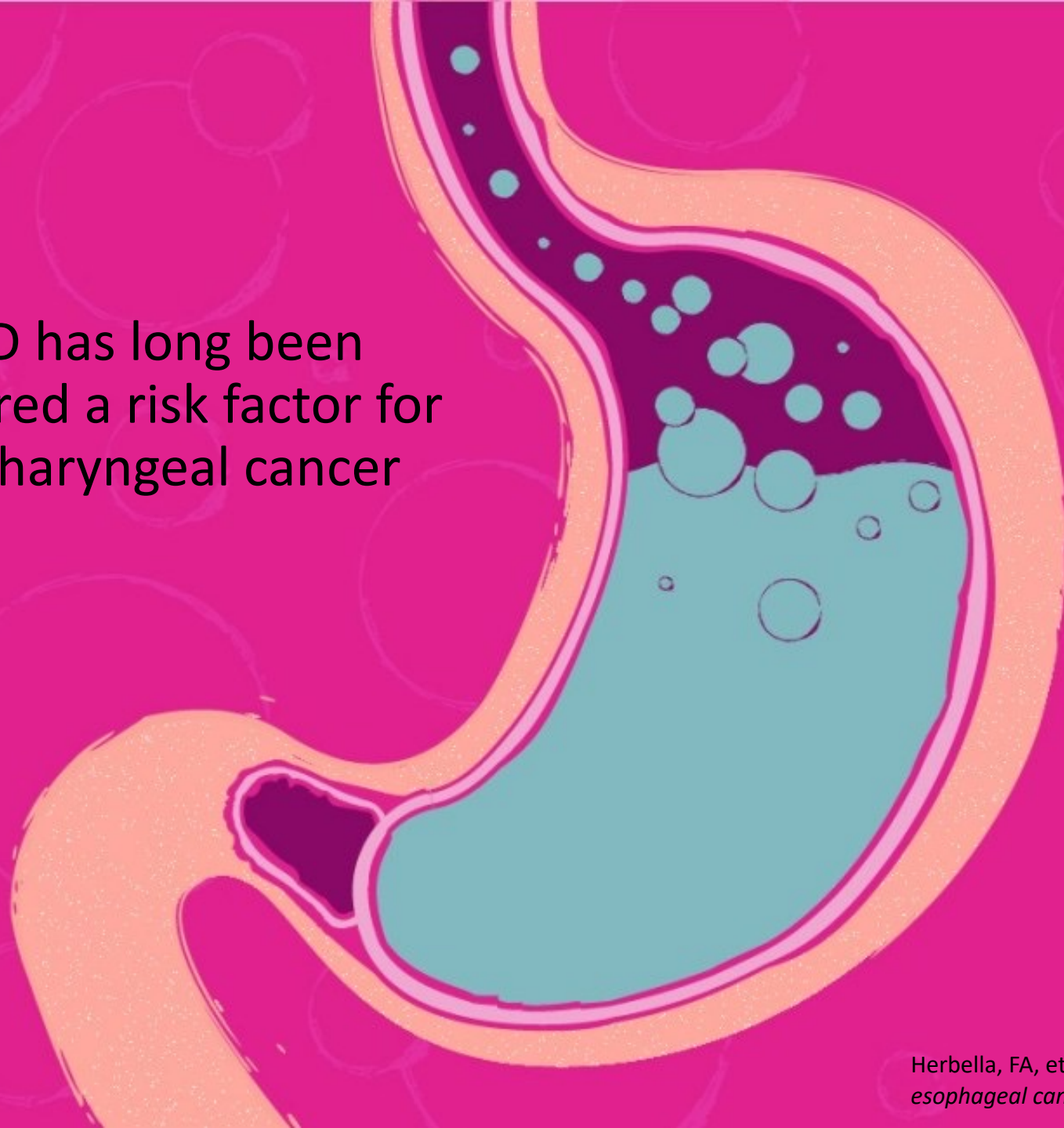
- HPV is the most common sexually transmitted disease.
- Administration of Gardasil, Cervarix and Gardasil 9
  - 25% of 15 year-olds are sexually active
  - 50% of 18 year-olds are sexually active
- Almost all sexually active people will have HPV at some point in their lifetime
- HPV is found encased in biofilm in pockets of the tonsils, in tonsillary “crypts”
  - Coughing up blood
  - Lump in the neck or in the cheek
  - Hoarseness that doesn’t go away



# Head & Neck Examination

- Skin, Hair and/or nail disorders
- Variations of normal
- Tethered oral tissues
- Lymphatics
- Thyroid evaluation
- TMJ Evaluation
- Occlusion
- Airway Evaluation
- Difficulty swallowing, harsh voice, idiopathic taste disorder

GERD has long been considered a risk factor for oral/pharyngeal cancer



Melatonin supplement reduces G.E.R.D by improving sphincter function

# Frank's Sign

- Demonstration of Frank's sign is indicative of a 78% increased risk of experiencing cardiovascular disease



Haim Shmilovich , et. al. Relation of Diagonal Ear Lobe Crease to the Presence, Extent, and Severity of Coronary Artery Disease Determined by Coronary Computed Tomography Angiography The American Journal of Cardiology, Volume 109, Issue 9, 2012, 1283 - 1287



## Male [and Female] Pattern Baldness

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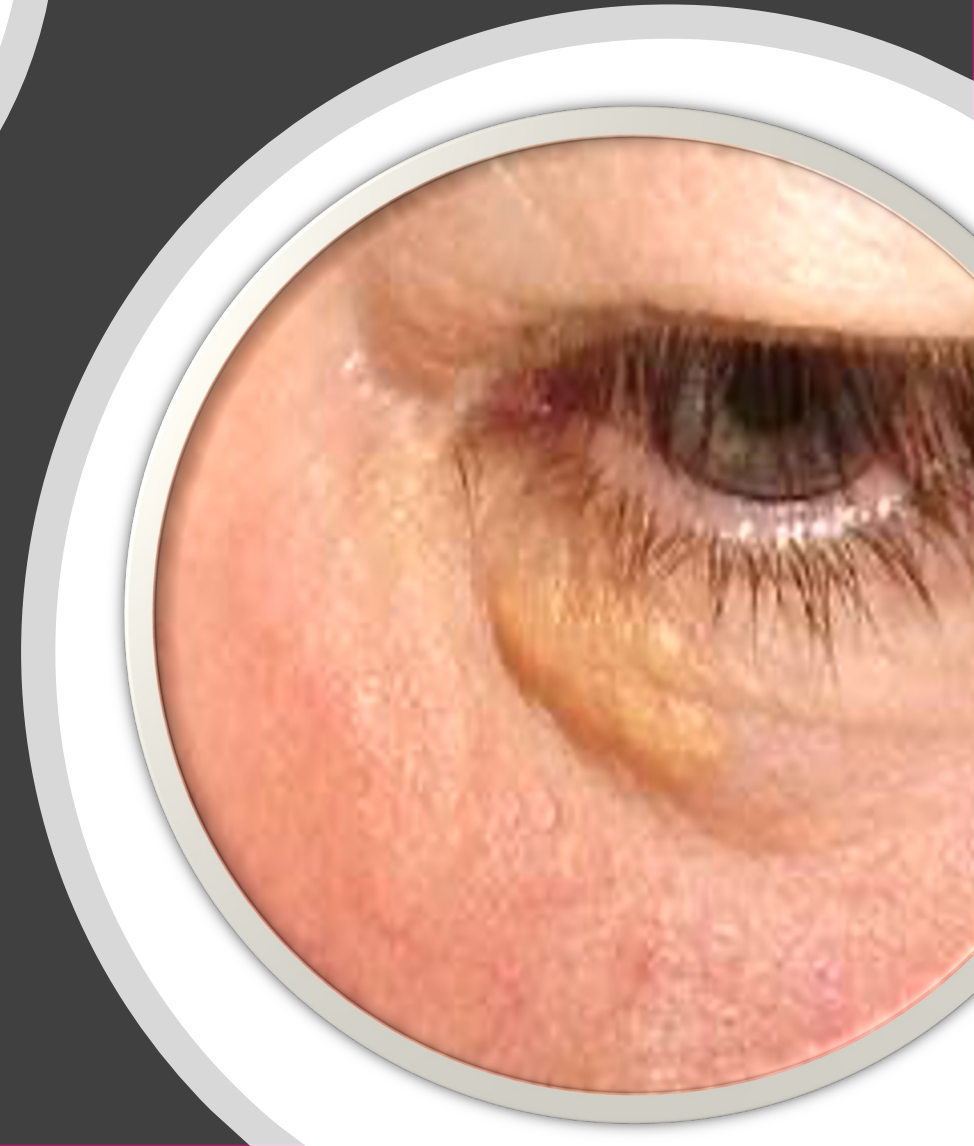
- Frontoparietal baldness is associated with a 40% increased risk of myocardial infarction
- Crown top baldness is associated with a 13% increased risk of Myocardial infarction

Christoffersen, M., et. al. (2014). Visible age-related signs and risk of ischemic heart disease in the general population: a prospective cohort study. *Circulation*, 129(9), 990-998.

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- Xanthoma presence indicates a 48% increased risk of myocardial infarction

# Xanthomatosis





# Fordyce Granules

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- Fatty deposits noted in the cheek indicate a marker for hyperlipidemia
- Inquire about if the patient has had their cholesterol levels checked

Gaballah, K. Y., & Rahimi, I. (2014). Can presence of oral Fordyce's granules serve as a marker for hyperlipidemia? Dental Research Journal, 11(5), 553-558.





## Tissue Tags

Presence of tissue tags can indicate a 70% increased risk that the colon may present with polyps

# Splinter Hemorrhage



- Tiny spots of blood that appear under the nail which may indicate a damaged blood vessel
- Could be related to: bacterial endocarditis, vasculitis, diabetes, Raynaud's disease, accumulation of cholesterol or systemic diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, lupus, scleroderma, peptic ulcers and malignancies

## Facial Varicosities



- Injured capillaries can indicate pressure from long-term inflammation, obesity or high blood pressure
- Can also indicate weakened vessels associated which may indicate a systemic vascular problem

# Parafunctional Cascade

Ankyloglossia  
Lip-ties

Bottle feeding

Habits

Malocclusion  
High palates  
Narrow arches  
Receded chins

Non  
orthodontic pacifiers

Sleep apnea  
Bed wetting  
Adhd  
Noisy breathing  
Snoring  
High blood pressure  
Heart disease

Elimination of gagging  
Elimination of reflux  
Increased O2 Saturation

# Clinical Observations



Open mouth, habitual lips-apart resting posture



Restricted lingual frenum



Excessive anterior overjet, open bite, under bite



Abnormal tongue rest posture



Distorted speech



Drooling, poor oral control



Nonnutritive sucking habits: pacifier use after 12 months



Lack of a consistent linguopalatal seal during swallows

**Functional classification of ankyloglossia based on tongue range of motion ratio (TRMR)**



**Grade 1 Functioning  
TRMR > 80%**

**Grade 2 Functioning  
TRMR 50-80%**

**Grade 3 Functioning  
TRMR < 50%**

**Grade 4 Functioning  
TRMR < 25%**

Class I: Normal



Class ii: Inserting just above or in between central incisors



Class III: Beginning to insert into anterior papilla



Class IV: inserts into anterior papilla



## Kotlow's Classification of Maxillary Lip-Tie Attachments





# Mallampati Classification



# Using Vital Signs as an Identifier

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# Resting Heart Rate

Women with a resting heart rate at or above 76 bpm increased risk of heart attack by 26%

An elevated resting pulse rate indicates a high risk of a cardiovascular episode in women of all ethnic groups

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# Using Radiographs as an Identifier

# Panoramic Imaging for Diagnostics

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- 26% of patients who had a carotid calcification in their pano had a cardiovascular event within 3.5 years

Nandalur, K. R., et. al. (2006). Carotid artery calcification on CT may independently predict stroke risk. *AJR Am J Roentgenol*, 186(2), 547-552.





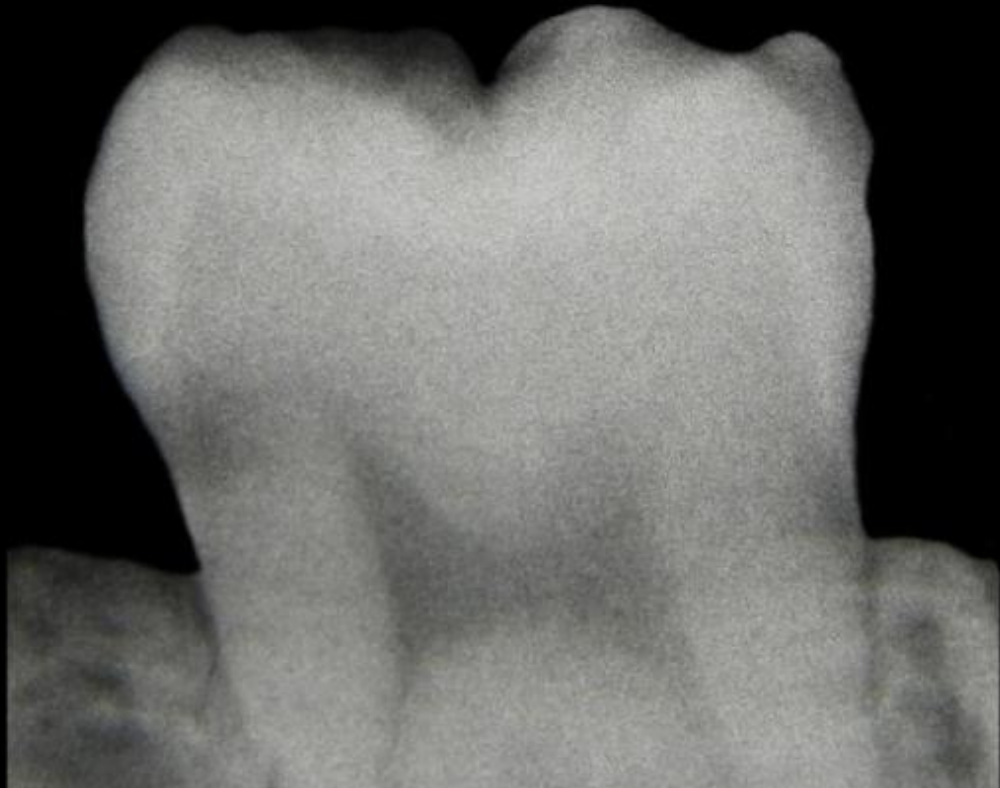
# Systemic Diseases on Radiographs

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- Osteoporosis: thin porous cortical bone lamellae
- Hyperparathyroidism: seen in unilocular cystic lesions, loss of lamina dura. Lamina dura will reconstitute following removal of a parathyroid tumor.
- Tuberculosis: sinus tracts are developed following infection, sequestration of necrotic bone can occur
- Syphilis: depression of subperiosteal new bone along the inferior border of the mandible resulting in large radiolucent areas

# Modern Tooth

Normal Pulp Horns



# Archaeological Tooth

Chair Shaped Pulp Horns



# Dental History Review



## Frequency of Visits

Evaluate: has this been efficient for the patient?



## History of Treatment

Identify history of past dental treatment



## Response to Treatment

Identify patient-specific response to dental treatment



## Genetic History

Evaluate potential genetic components linked to dental history



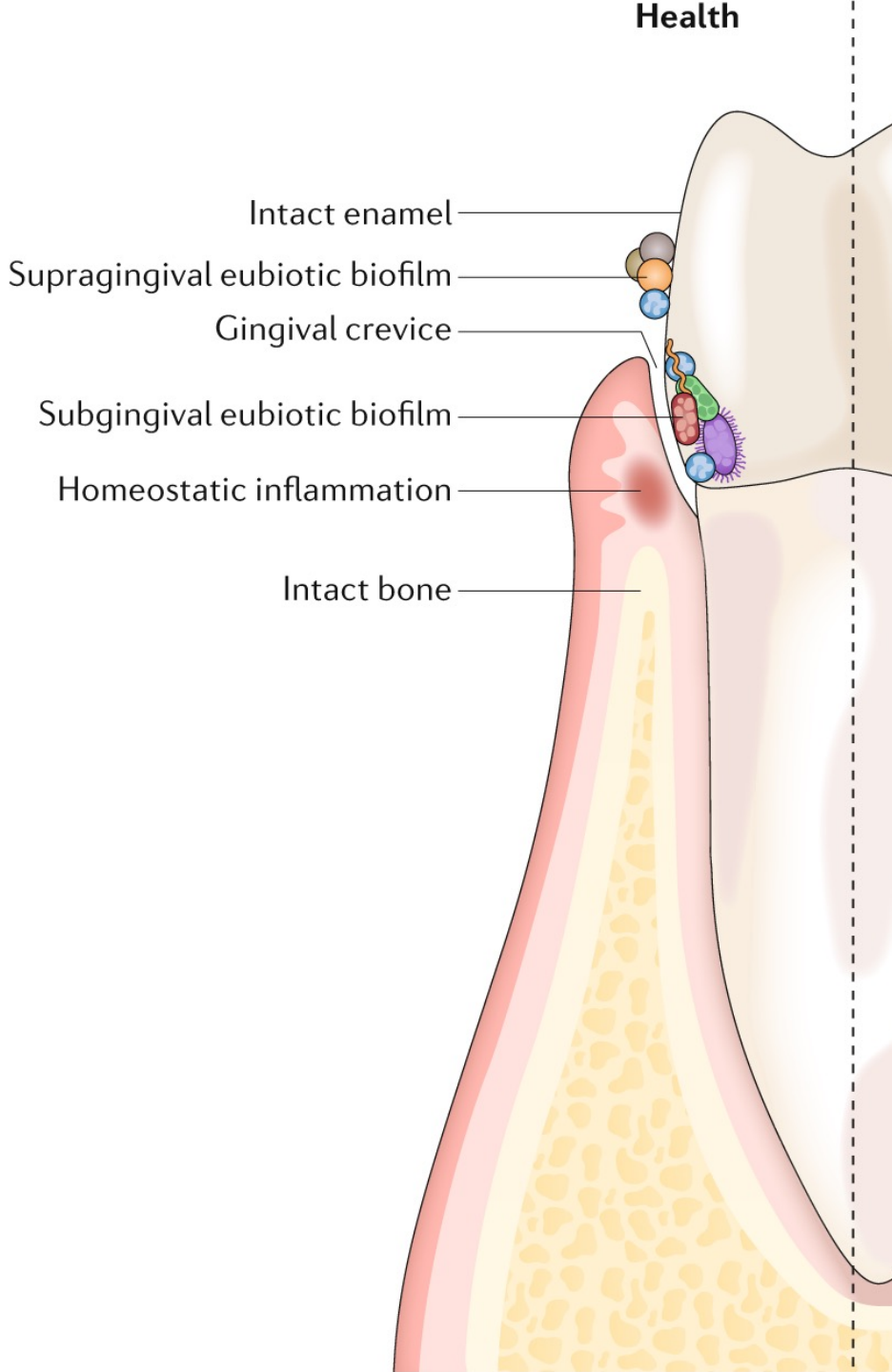
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Using  
Periodontal  
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# The Healthy Periodontium



Disease

**Caries**

Demineralized enamel leading to cavitation

Supragingival dysbiotic biofilm

EPS matrix and acidogenic-aciduric environment

**Periodontitis**

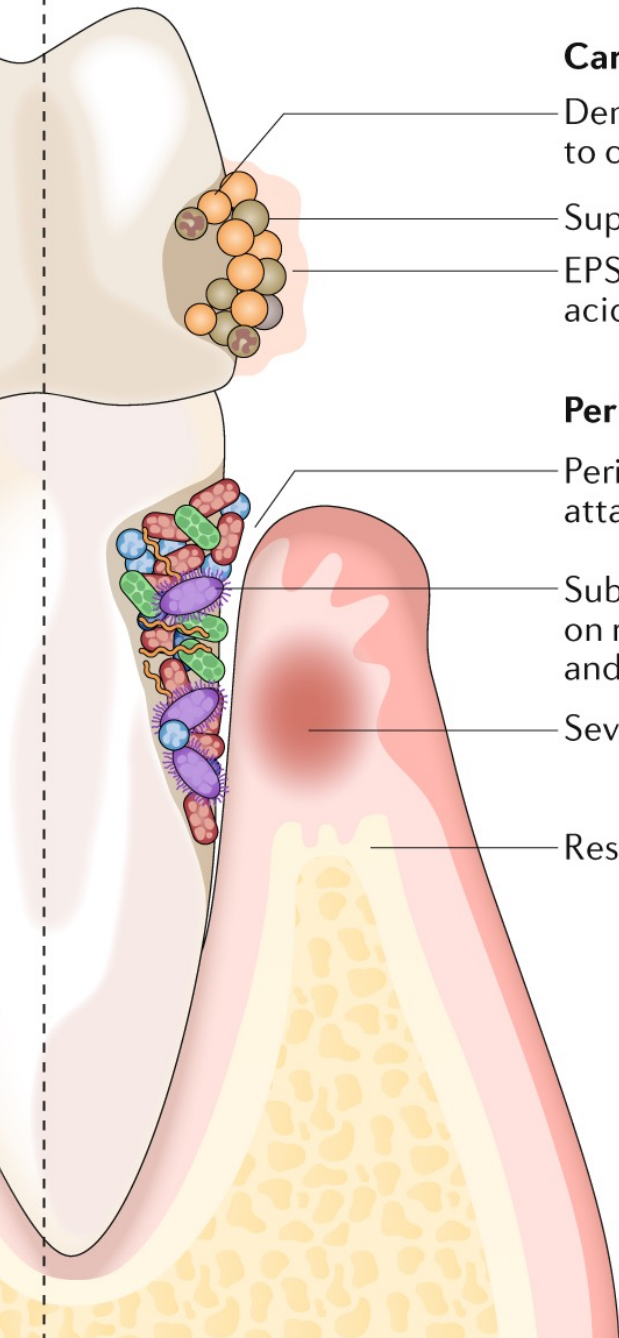
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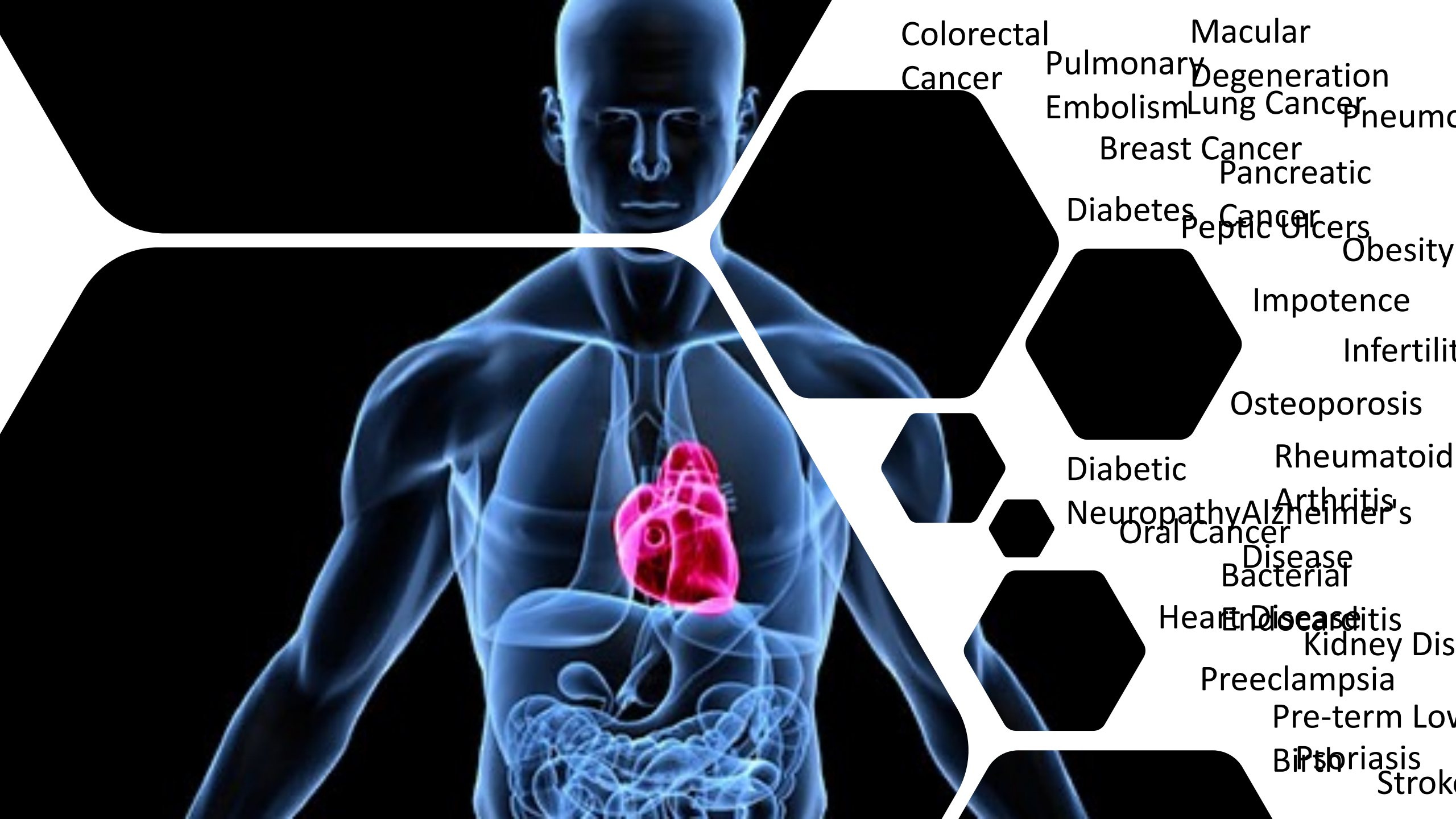
Subgingival dysbiotic communities on root surface, in GCF and in and on the epithelium

Severe, destructive inflammation

Resorbed bone

# The Diseased Periodontium





Colorectal  
Cancer

Macular  
Degeneration  
Pulmonary  
Embolism  
Lung Cancer  
Pneumo

Breast Cancer  
Pancreatic

Diabetes  
Cancer  
Peptic Ulcers

Obesity

Impotence

Infertilit

Osteoporosis

Diabetic

Rheumatoid

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Oral Cancer

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Bacterial

Heart Disease  
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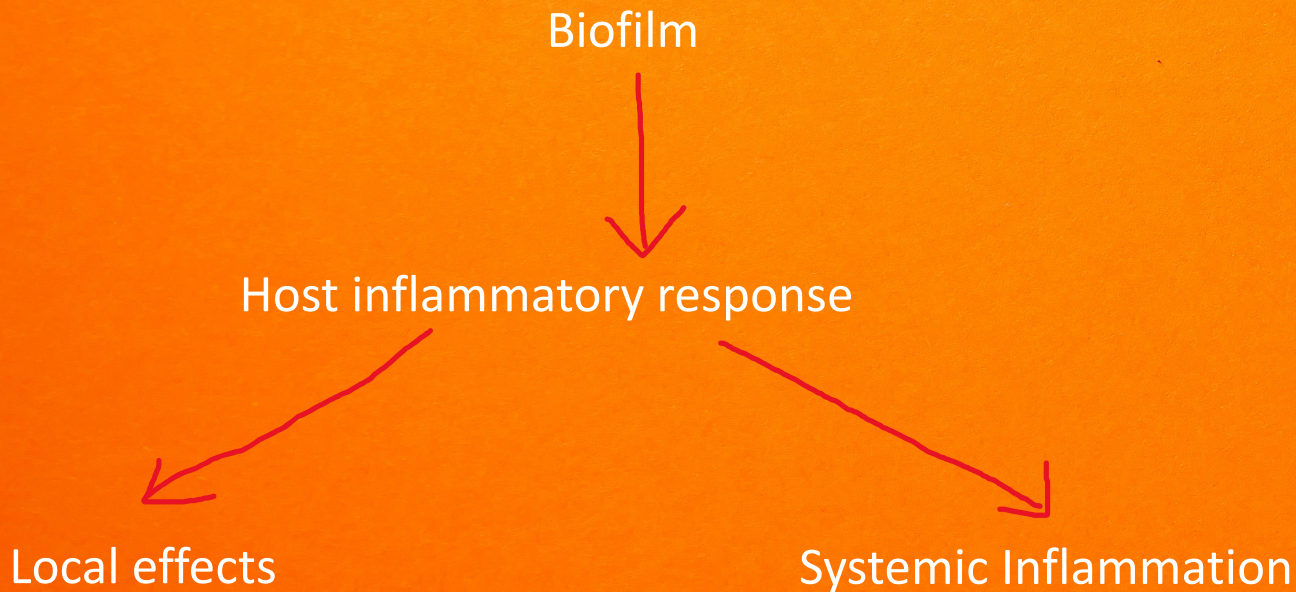
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Pneumonia

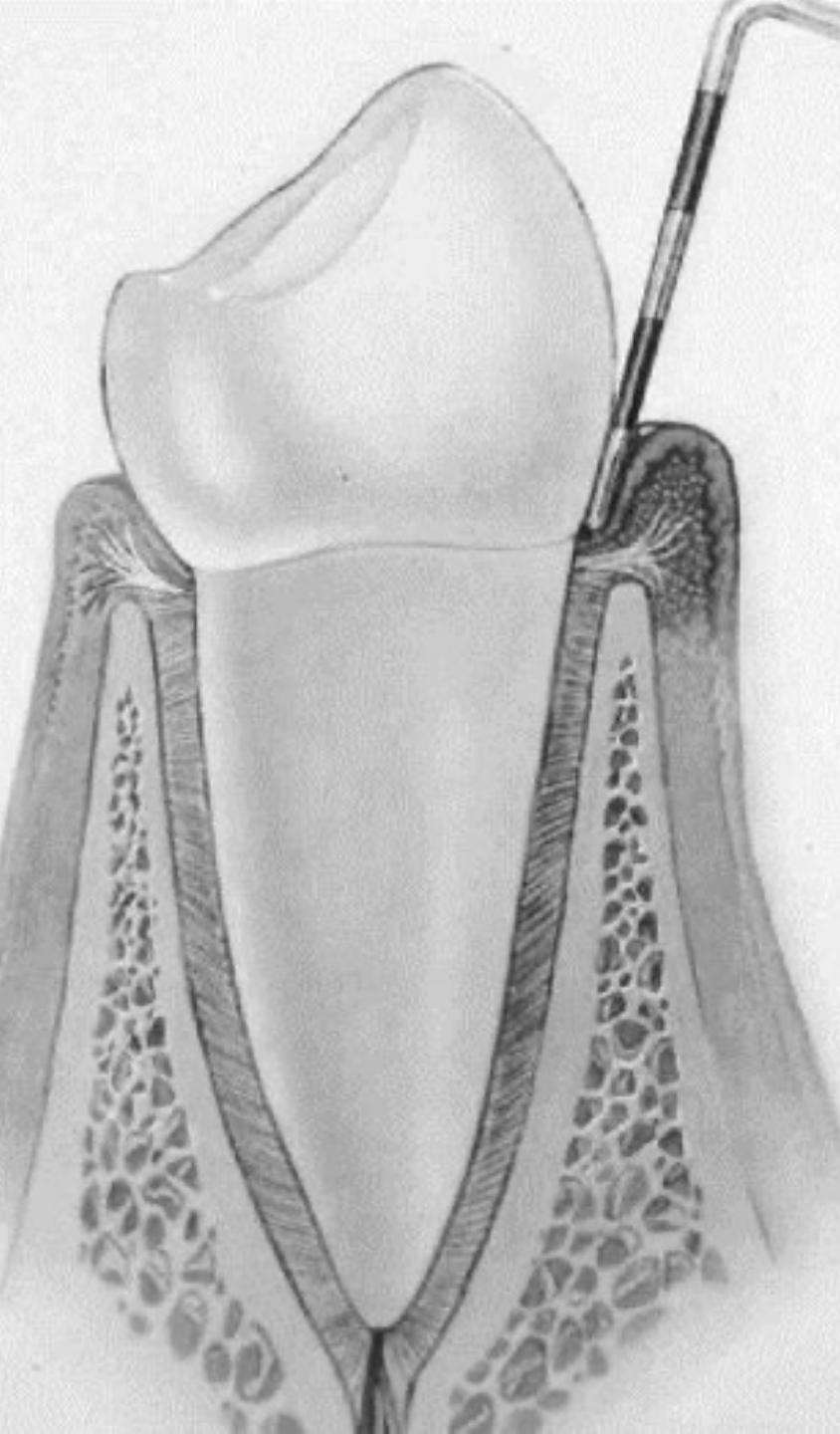
Strok

Periodontal infection and inflammation, as well as common genetic and acquired risk factors, are the scientific basis that explains the biological plausibility of the associations between periodontitis and systemic diseases.

Currently, up to 57 diseases and conditions have been studied with regards to their connection with periodontitis

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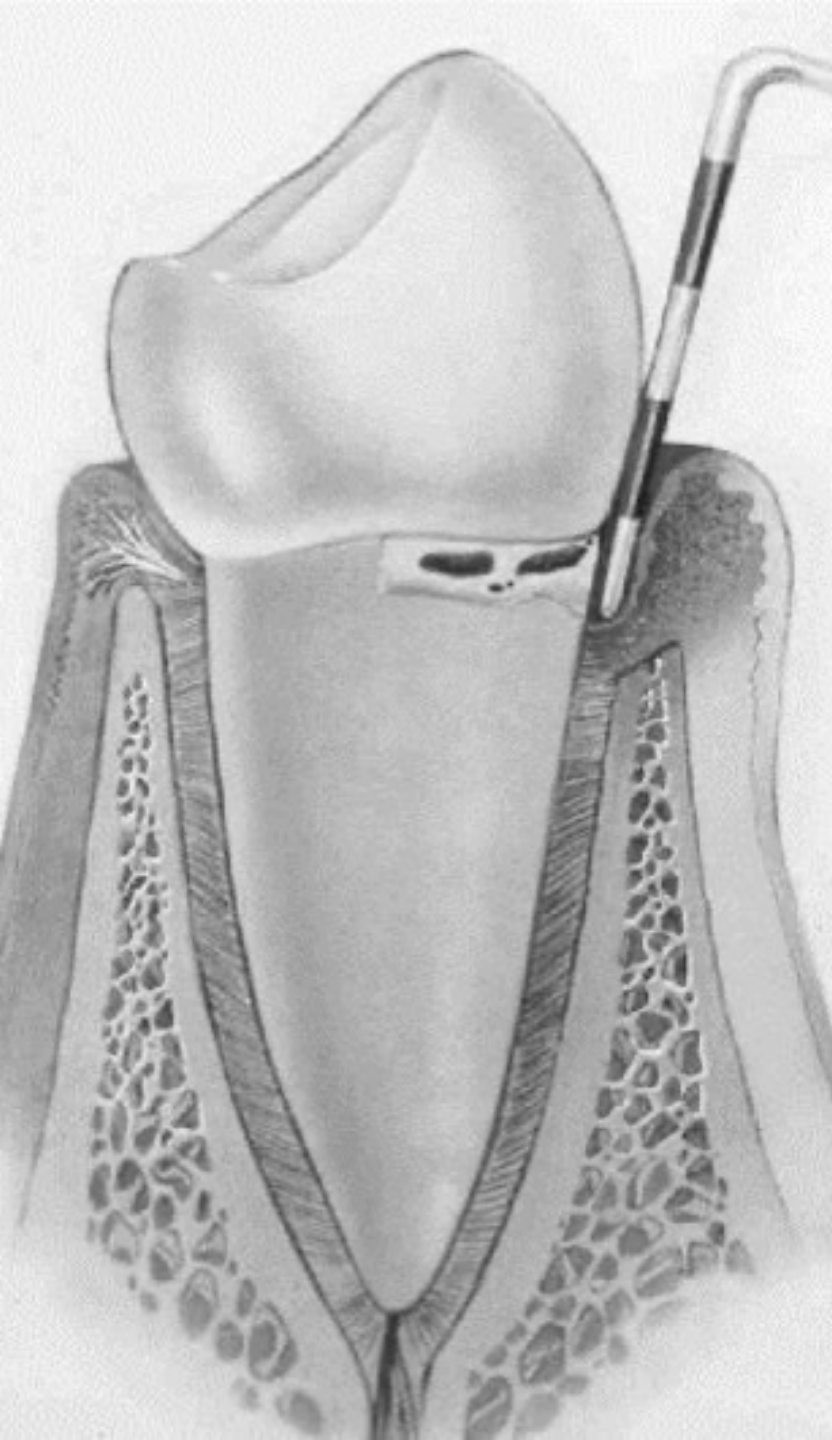




# Stage I

Earliest stages of attachment loss

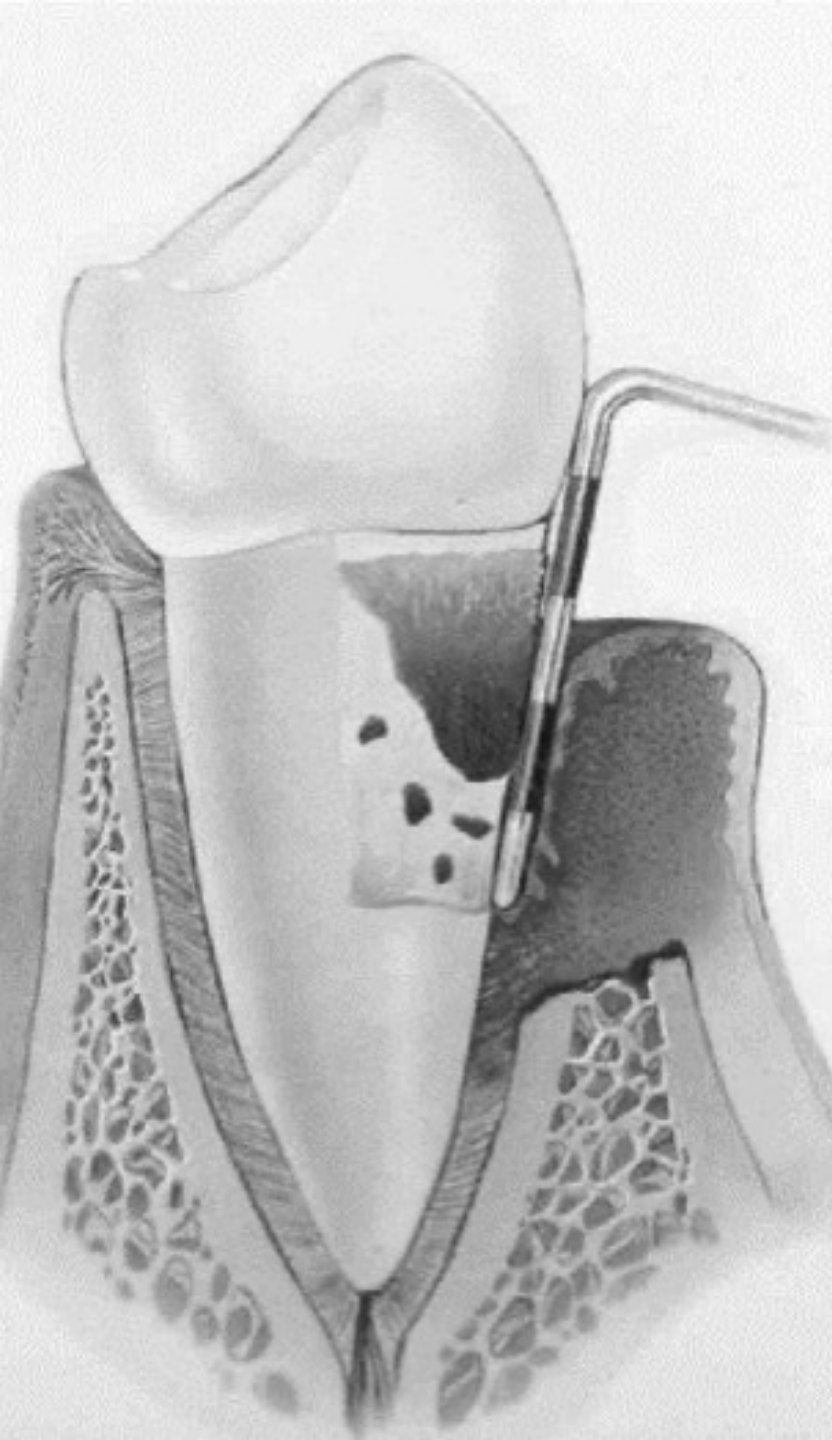
		Stage I
Severity	Interdental CAL	1-2mm
	RBL	Coronal third (<15%)
	Tooth loss	None
Complexity	Local	Max probing depth 4mm Mostly horizontal bone loss



## Stage II

Opportunity for clear intervention and subsequent monitoring

		Stage II
Severity	Interdental CAL	3-4 mm
	RBL	Coronal third (15-33%)
	Tooth loss	None
Complexity	Local	Max probing depth 5mm Mostly horizontal bone loss

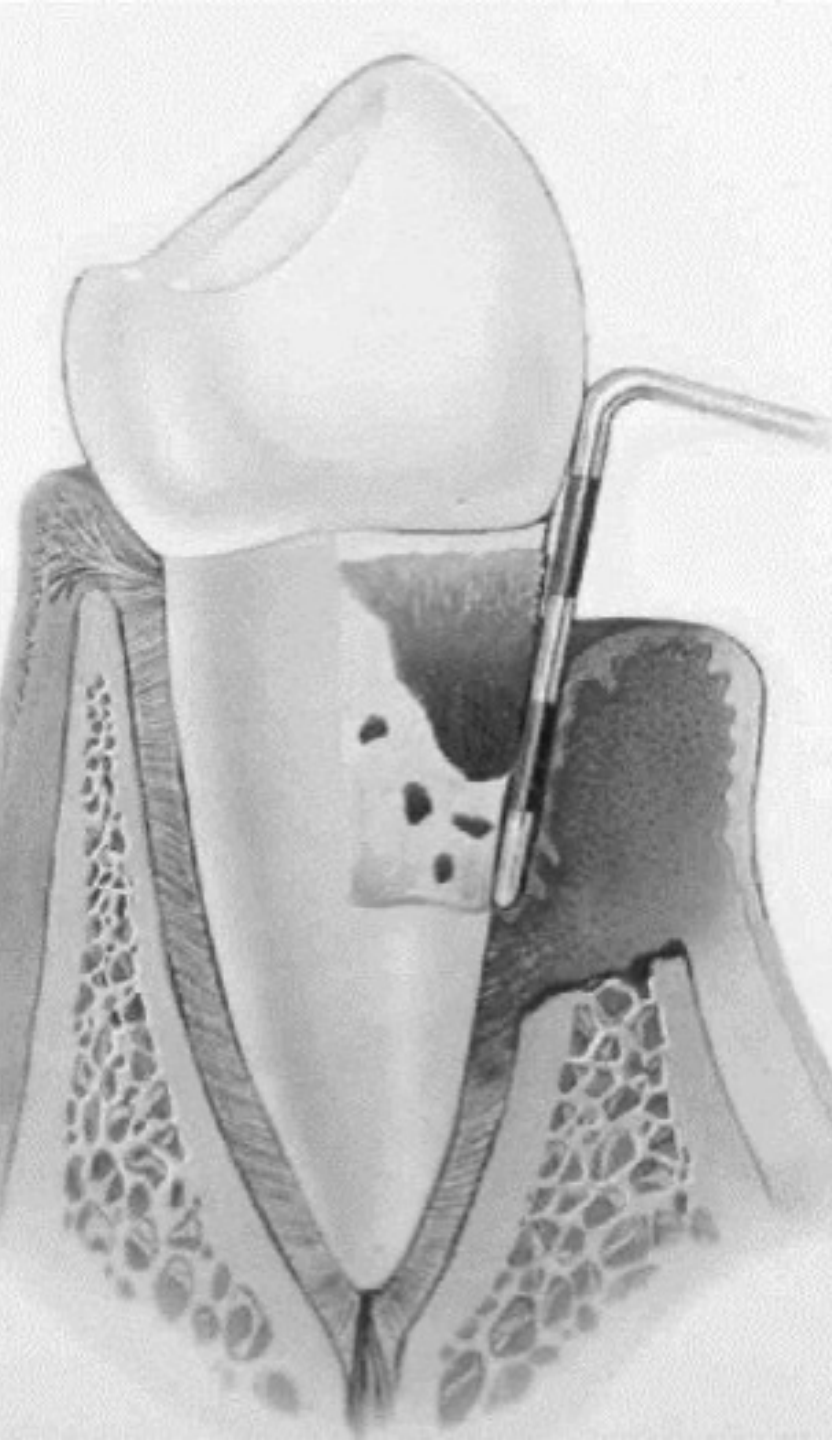


# Stage III

Characterized by deep lesions that extend into the middle portion of the root and whose management is complicated

		Stage III
Severity	Interdental CAL	5 mm or less
	RBL	Extending to mid-third of root and beyond
	Tooth loss	Less than or equal to 4 teeth
Complexity	Local	In addition to Stage II: Probing depth 6mm+ Vertical bone loss Furcation involvement cls II or III Moderate ridge defect

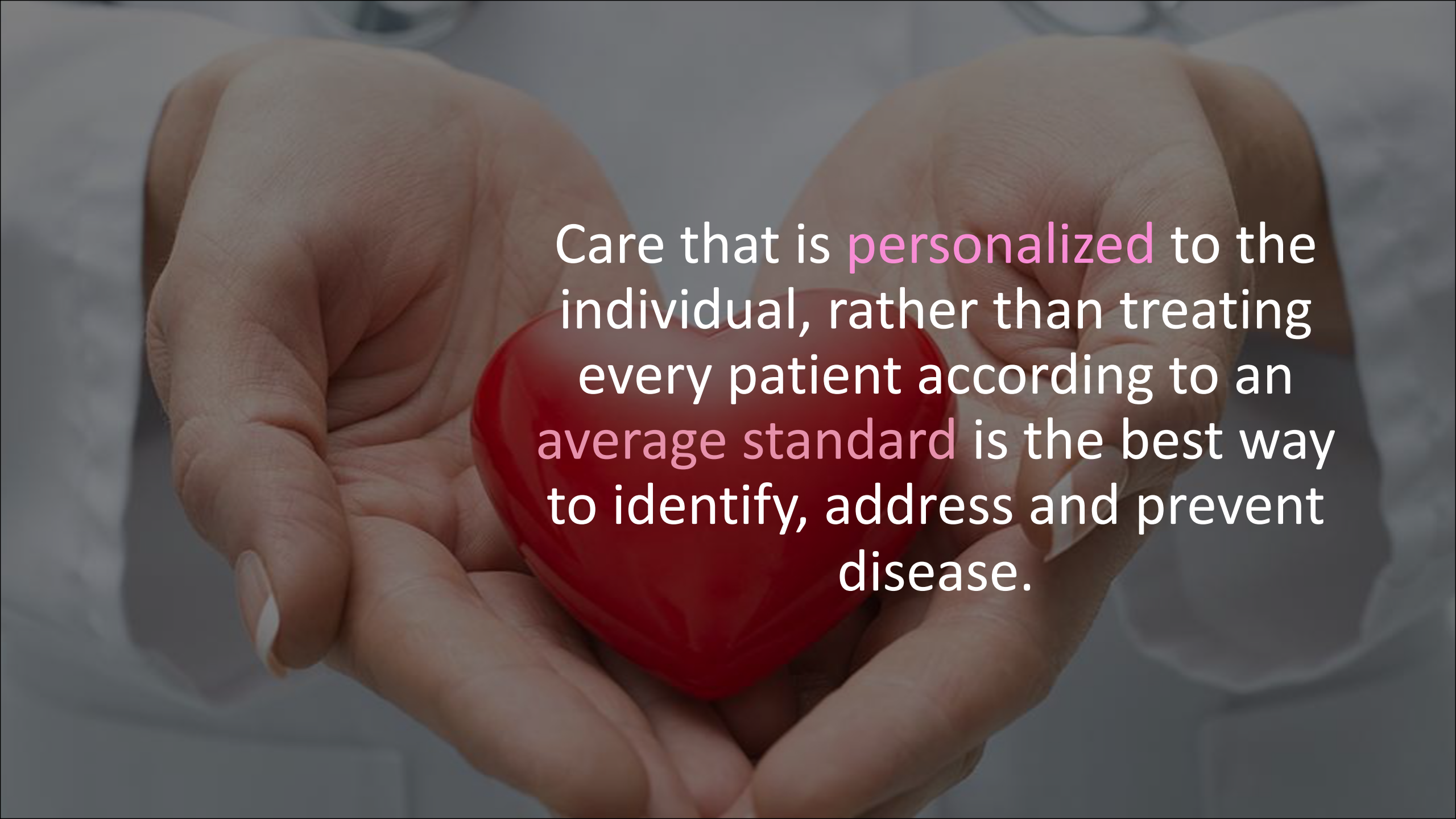




# Stage IV

Translates to loss of masticatory function

		Stage III
Severity	Interdental CAL	5 mm or more
	RBL	Extending to mid-third of root and beyond
	Tooth loss	5 or more teeth
Complexity	Local	In addition to stage III: Need complex rehabilitation due to: Masticatory dysfunction Secondary occlusal trauma Severe ridge defect Bite collapse, drifting, flaring Less than 20 remaining teeth

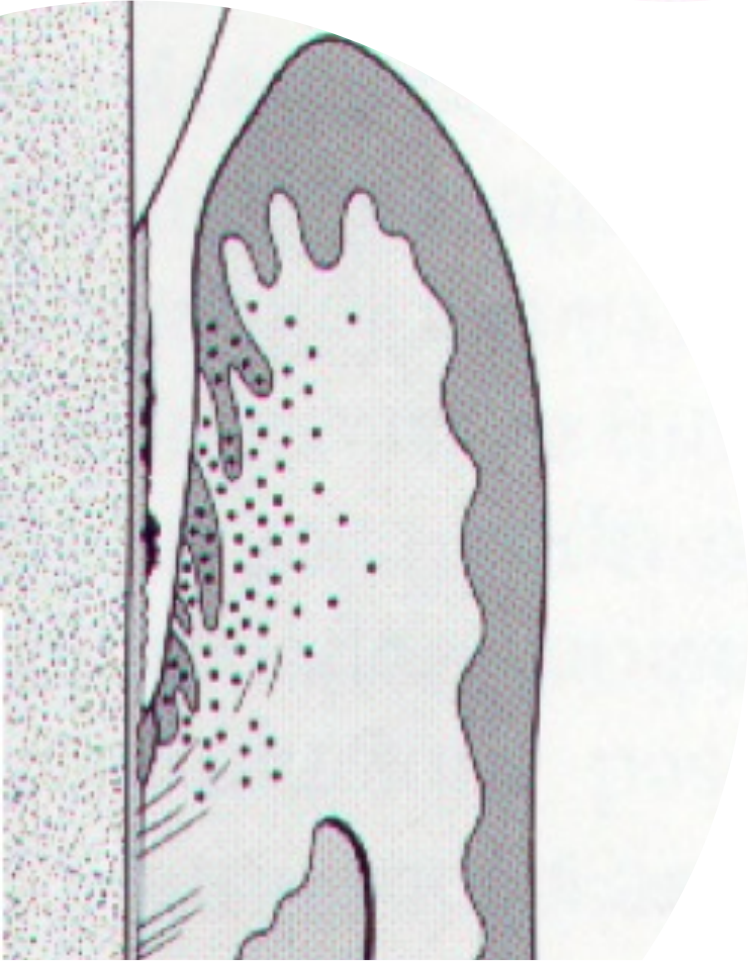
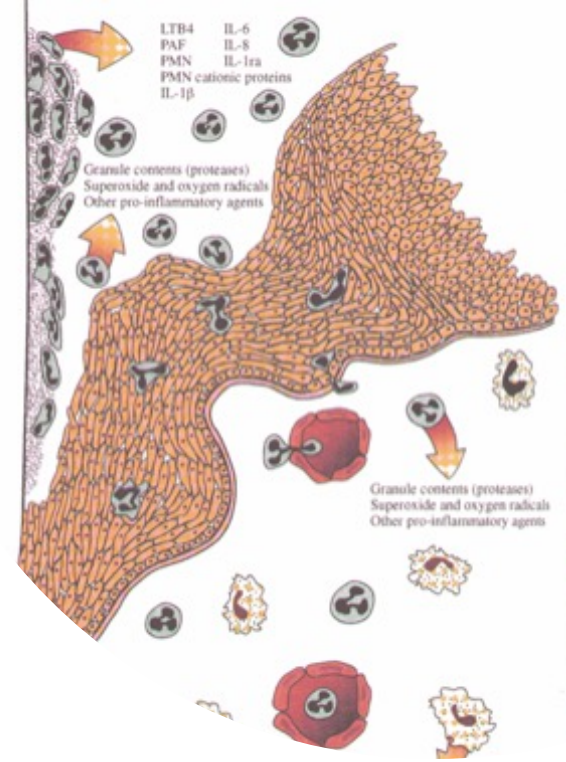
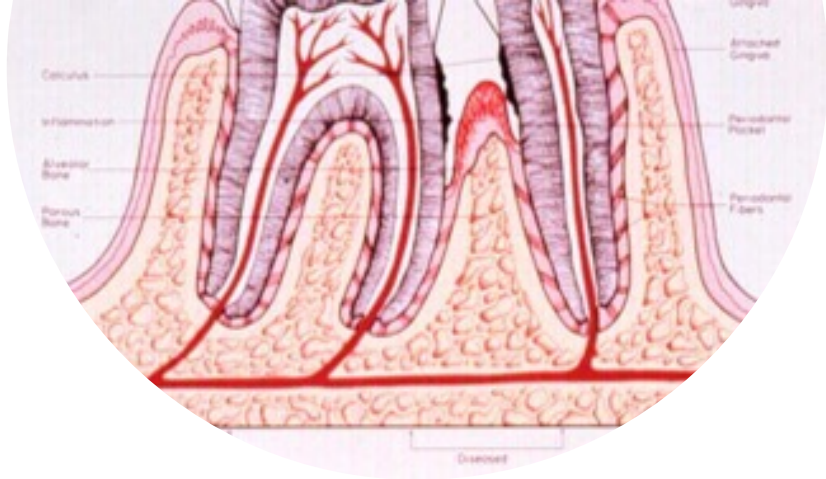
A close-up photograph of a pair of hands, likely belonging to a healthcare professional, gently cupping a bright red, glossy heart. The hands are positioned on either side of the heart, with fingers slightly curled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue or grey. The overall tone is professional and caring.

Care that is **personalized** to the individual, rather than treating every patient according to an **average standard** is the best way to identify, address and prevent disease.



Considering progression rate, predicted response and general health or systemic disease is critical for precision medicine.

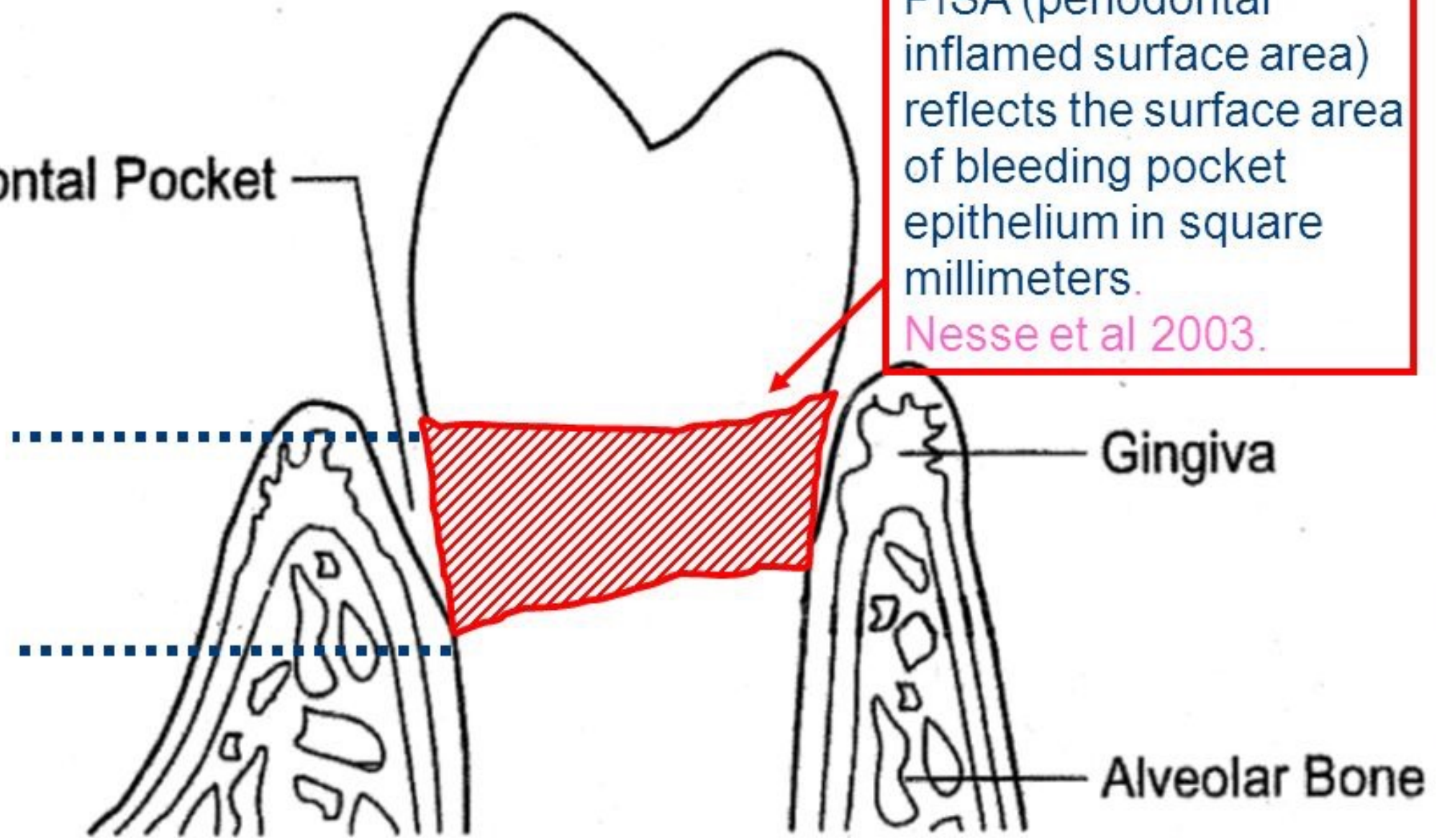
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# INSIDE the Periodontal Pocket

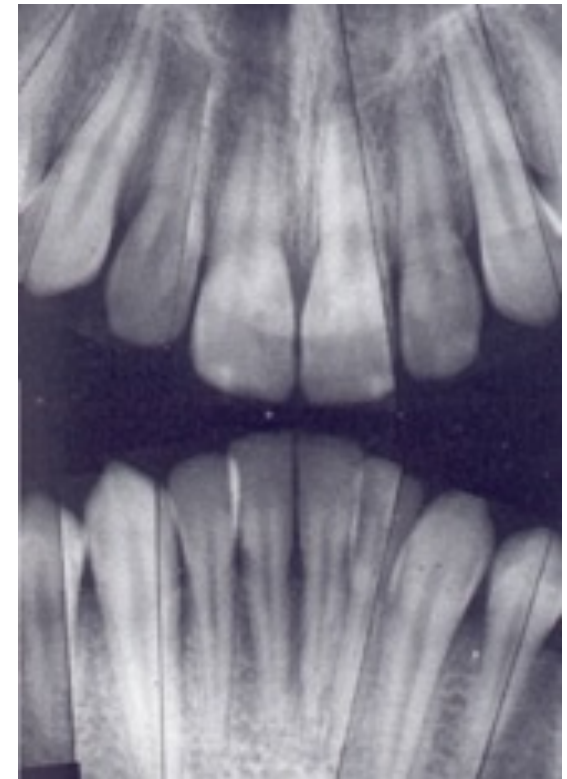
Periodontal Pocket

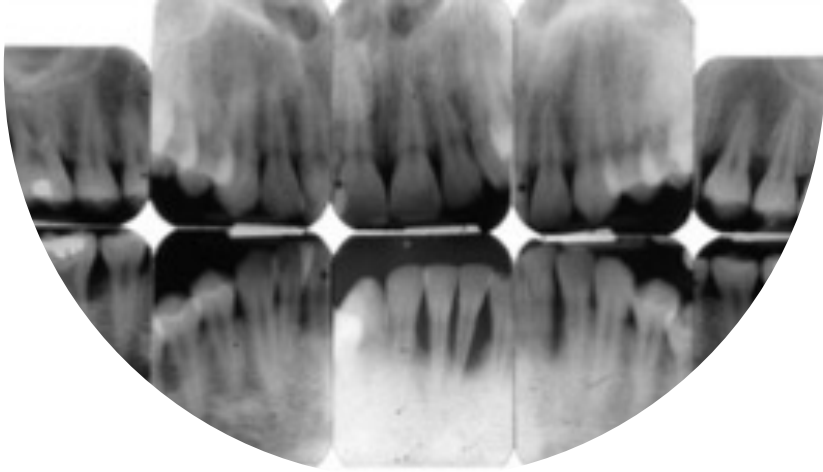
PISA (periodontal inflamed surface area) reflects the surface area of bleeding pocket epithelium in square millimeters.  
Nesse et al 2003.



# PISA: Gingival Health

- Periodontal Inflamed Surface Area (PISA)
- Ulcerated area within the gingival sulcus/pocket
- PISA =  $0.3 \text{ cm}^2$  (approximately  $0.05 \text{ inches}^2$ )

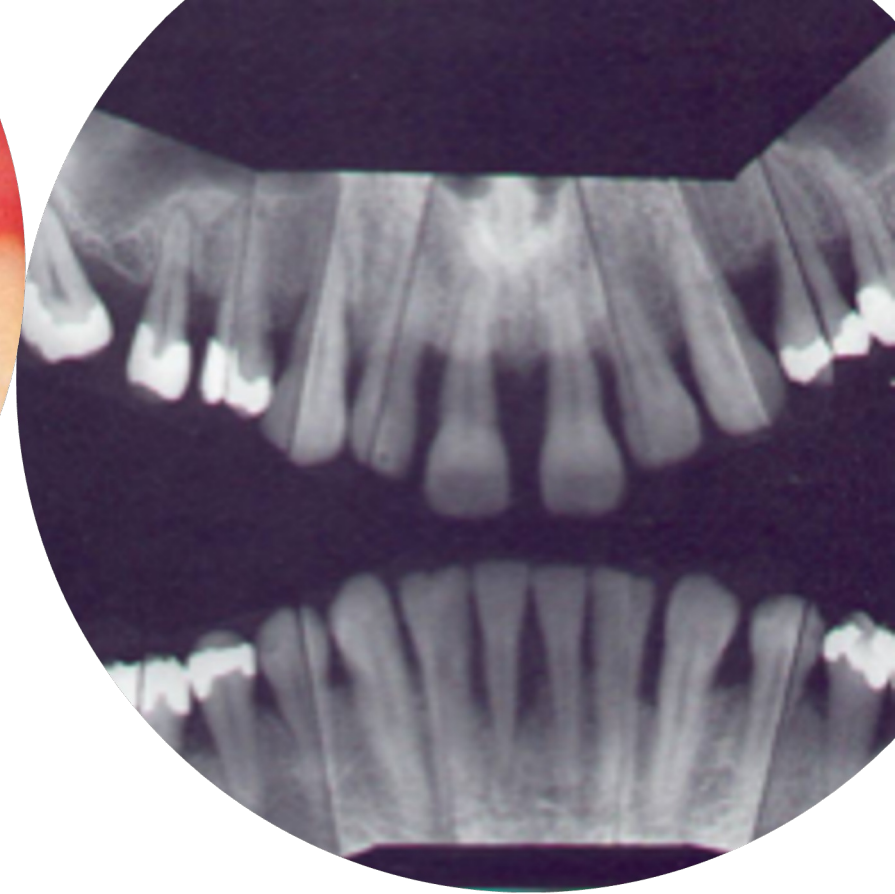




## PISA: Localized Severe Chronic Periodontitis

Periodontitis Stage 3, Grade B/C, Localized Distribution

PISA = 10 cm<sup>2</sup> (approx)



# PISA: Generalized Severe Chronic Periodontitis

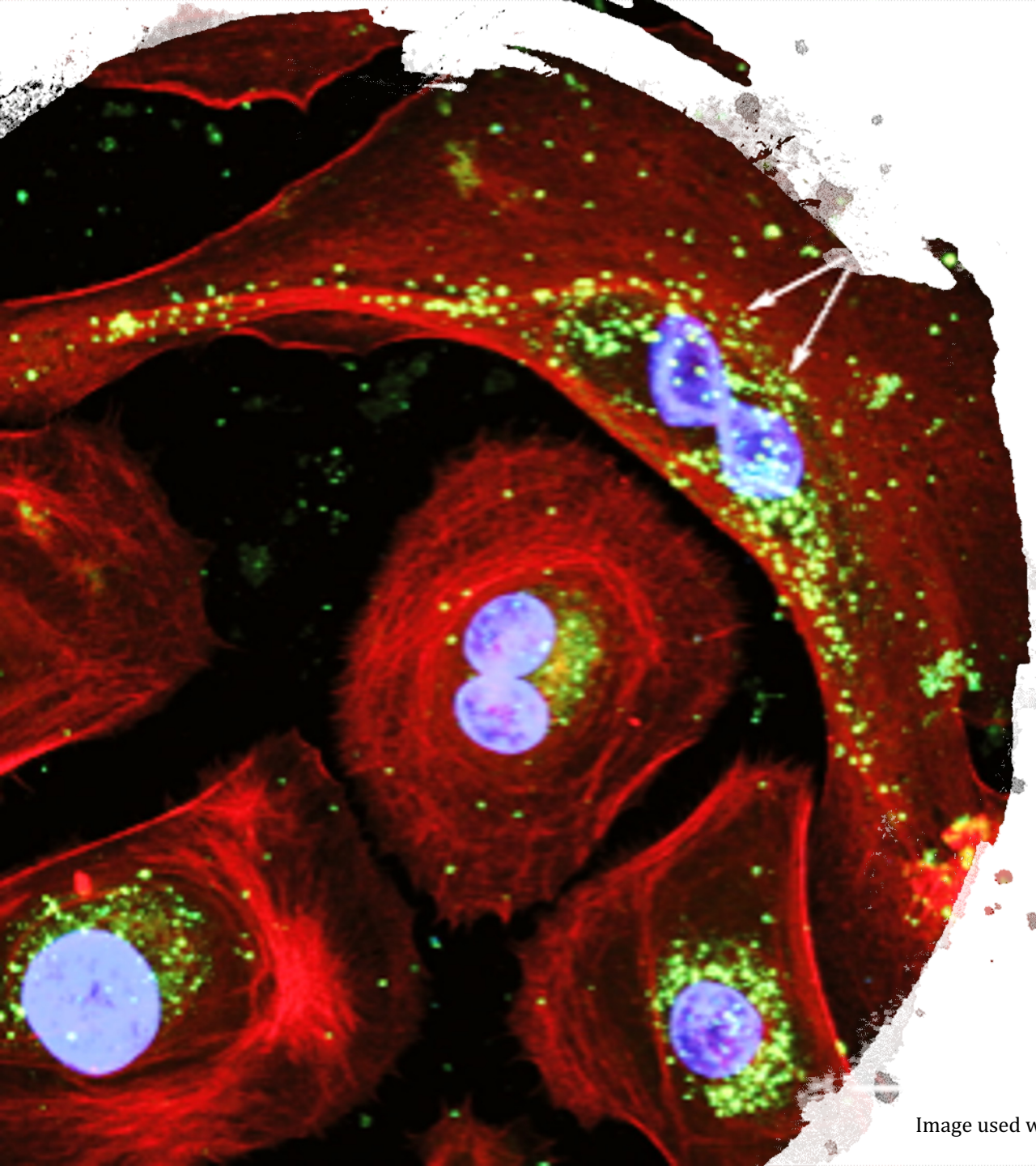
Periodontitis Stage 3/4, Grade B/C, Generalized Distribution

PISA = 37 cm<sup>2</sup> (approximately 5.7 inches<sup>2</sup>)



# Periodontitis As A Manifestation Of Systemic Disease

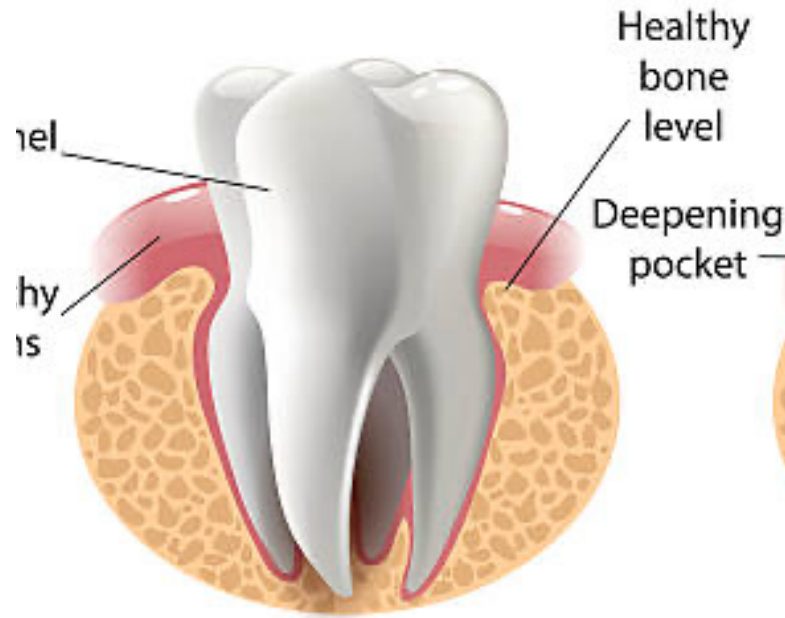
Familial and cyclic neutropenia	TRISOMY 21	Leukocyte adhesion deficiency syndrome	Papillon-LeFevre syndrome
Chediak-Higashi syndrome	Histiocytosis syndromes	Glycogen storage disease	Infantile genetic agranulocytosis
Cohen syndrome	Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	Hypophosphatasia	Associated with hematological disorders: Acquired neutropenia



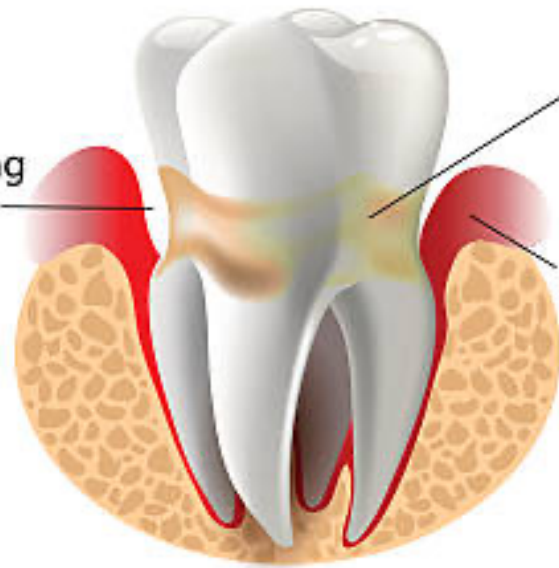
Bacteria  
are  
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# Comprehensive Periodontal Assessments

## Normal tooth



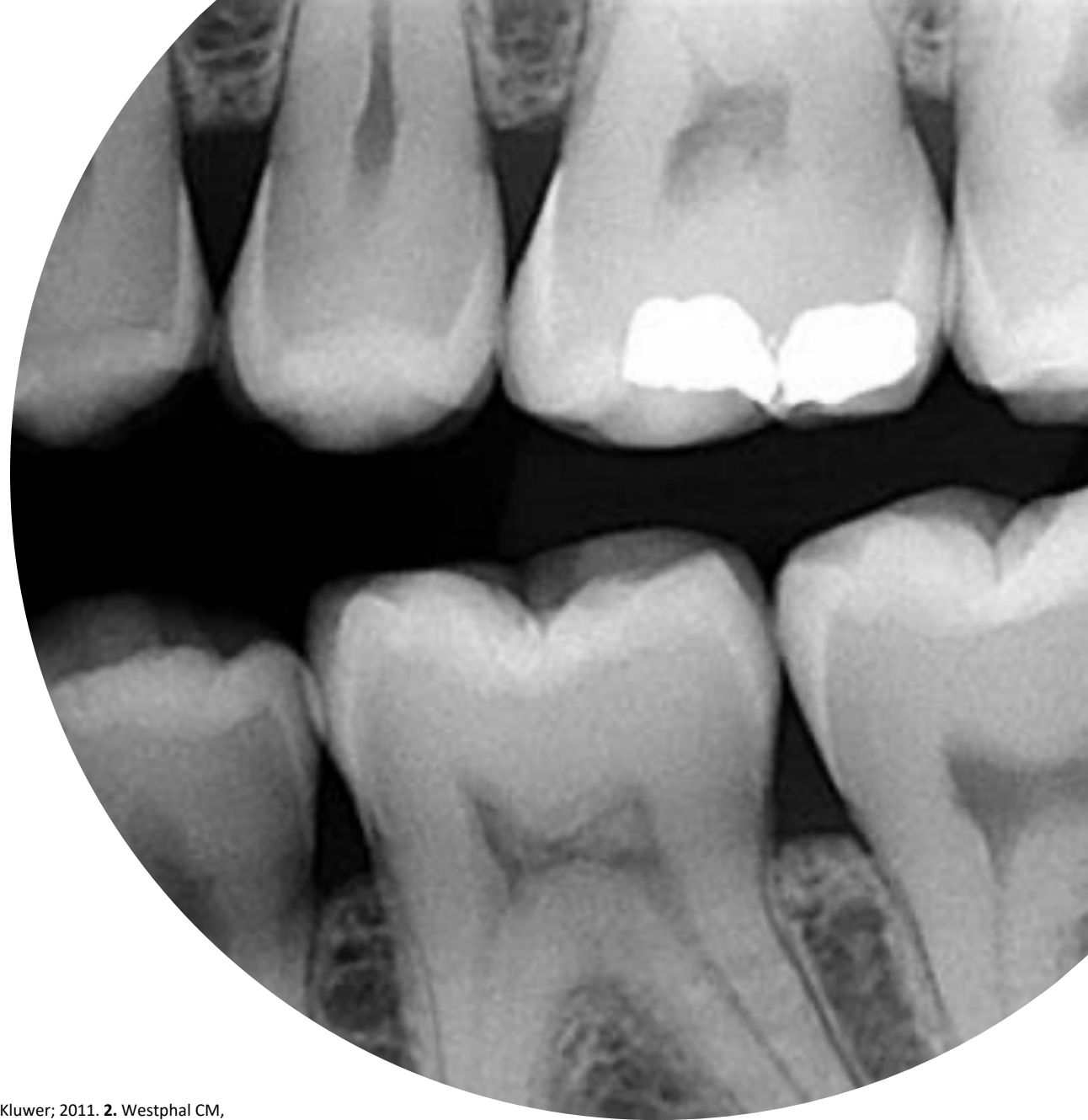
## Periodontitis



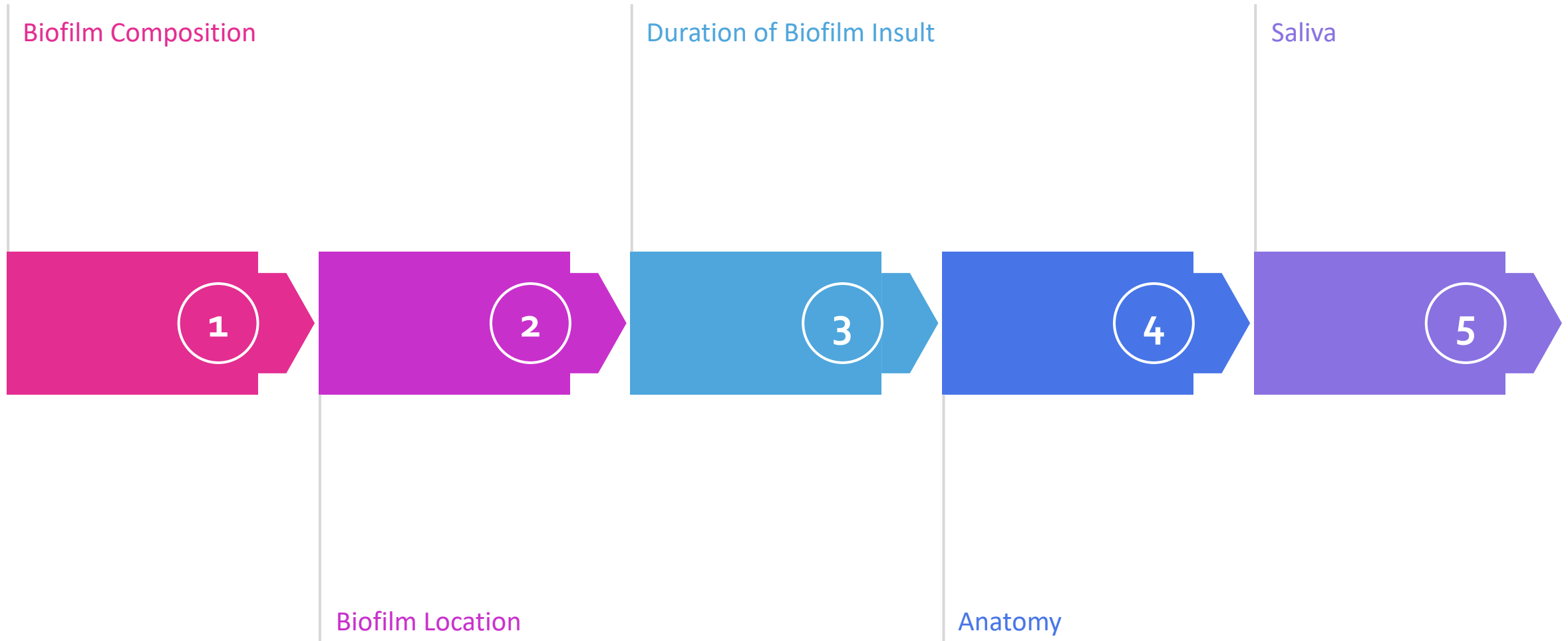
- Periodontal Charting
  - Pocket depth
  - Bleeding points
  - Recession Points
  - Furcation Involvement
  - Mobility
- Gingival Assessments
  - Color, contour, consistency, texture
  - Enlargement
  - Malodor, pain
- Deposit Assessment
  - Calculus, plaque, materia alba, food impaction, stain

# Radiograph Assessment

- Early attachment loss is NOT seen on radiographs<sup>1</sup>
- Bone loss can only be identified radiologically when approximately 30-50% of the bone has been demineralized<sup>2</sup>
- Radiographically, the cortical bone plates may hide slight bone loss<sup>1</sup>
- Stage I periodontitis is defined as radiologic bone loss of less than 15% of the coronal third<sup>3</sup>



# Oral Hygiene Status

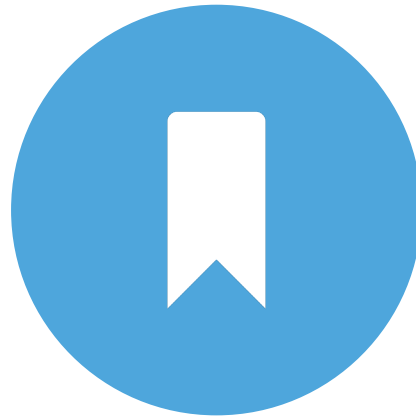


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# Inflammatory Predictors



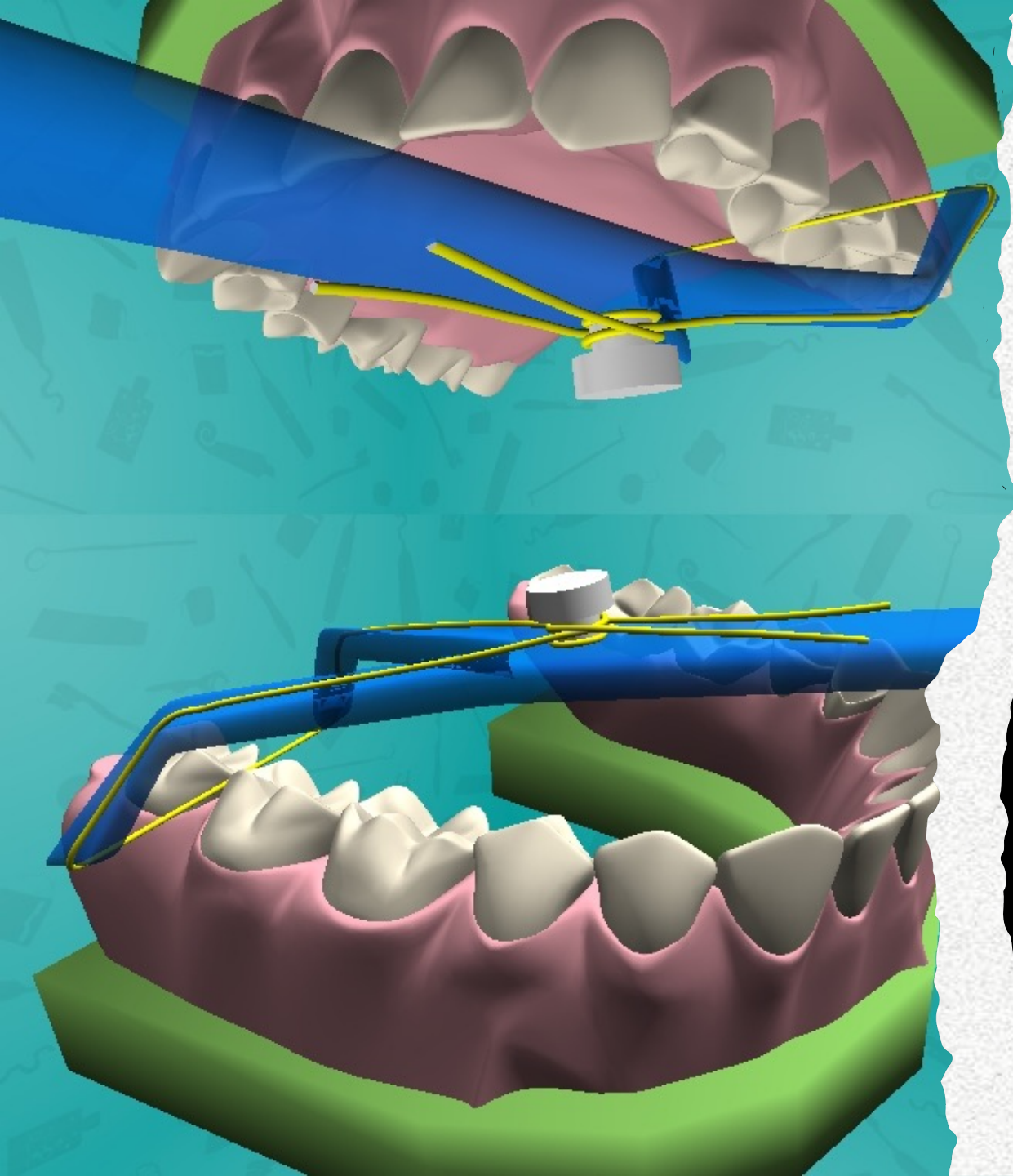
INFLAMMATORY BURDEN  
(hsCRP)



BIOMARKERS



BACTERIAL TESTING



# Generation of Bacteremia

- 20-38% of bacteria are introduced systemically during eating
- 40% of bacteria are introduced systemically during brushing
- 20% of bacteria are introduced during flossing and 40% of bacteria are introduced with using interdental picks respectively

# Localized Effects of Periodontal Disease



Increased pocket depths

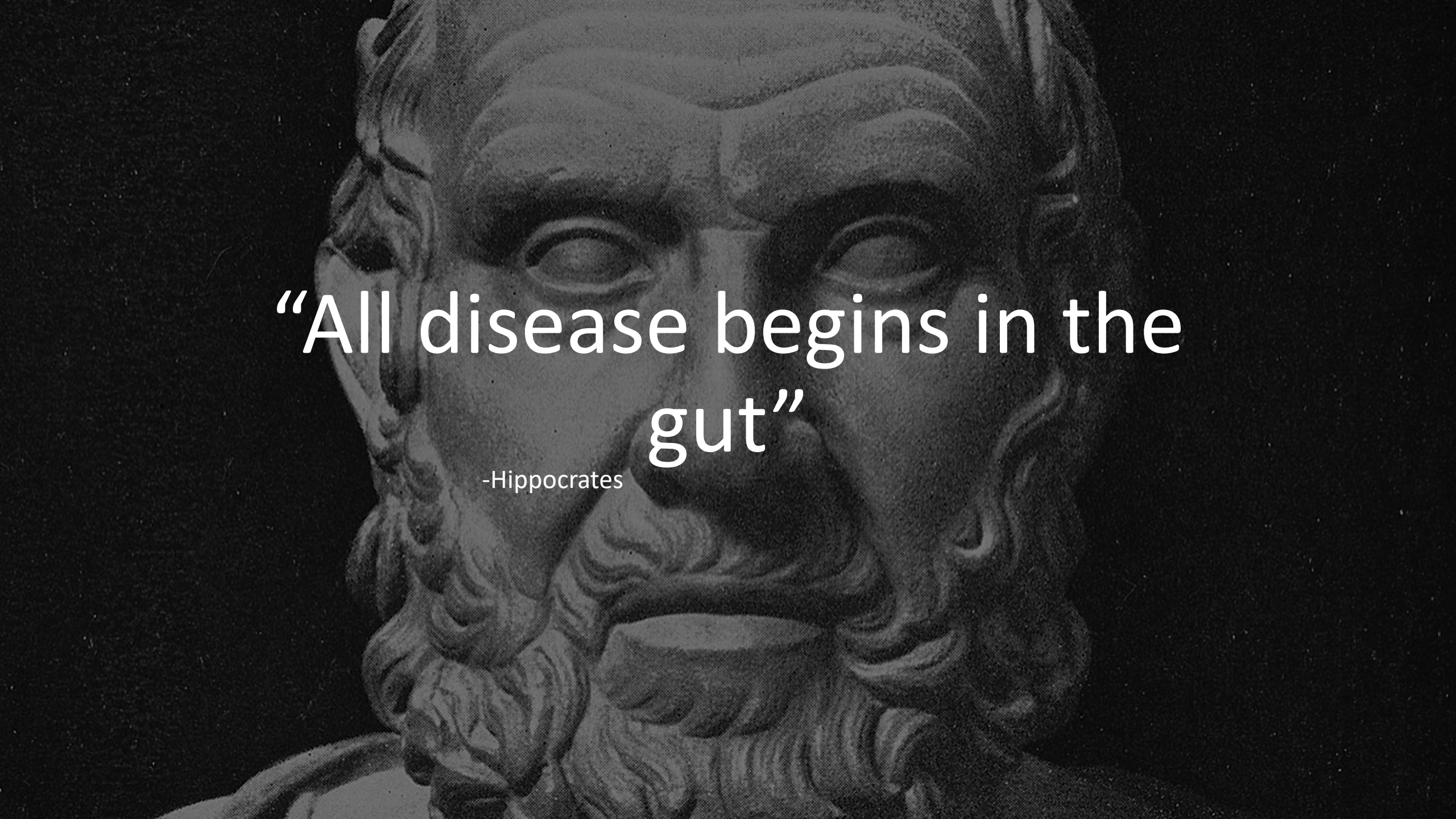
Bleeding on probing

Furcation involvement

Mobility

Tooth loss



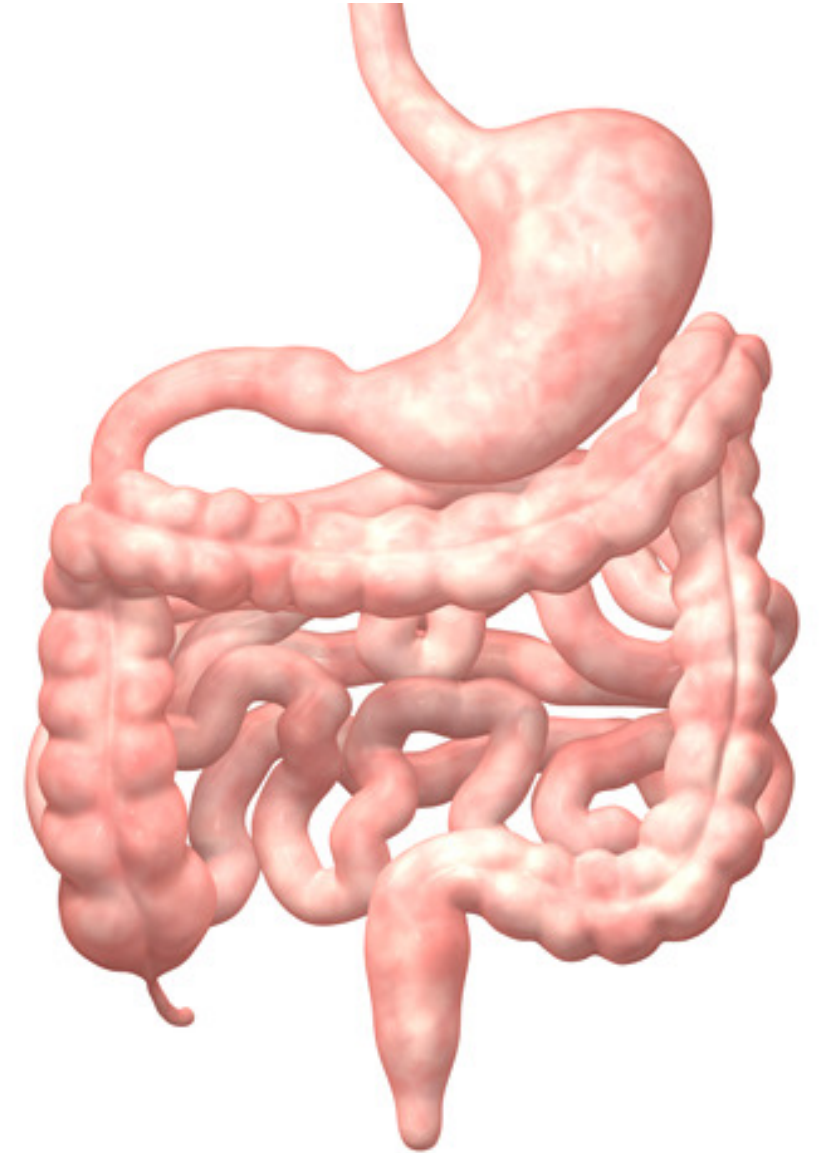


“All disease begins in the  
gut”

-Hippocrates

# Evolution of Human Jaws & Guts

- 25% of our energy goes to our massive brain
- A smaller gut was key to our evolution because it lets the body spend less energy processing food and more energy fueling the brain
- Cooking became a surrogate set of teeth and gut for ourselves, as it makes food easier to break down, digest and elicit nutrients from.
- As a result, our jaws, teeth and gut shrank, freeing up more resources for our nutrient-greedy brains







# Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (Thiamine)

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Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> (Riboflavin)



Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>

+  
○ ●

# Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>



# Periodontal Nutrition





“Illnesses do not come upon us out of the blue. They are developed from small daily sins against Nature. When enough sins have accumulated, illnesses will suddenly appear.”

~Hippocrates





# Meet Chris

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- Patient of record for five years.
- Medical history: hypertension. RX: Atenolol.
- Periodontal Maintenance Appointment:
  - History of SRP 1.5 years ago
  - Presents with localized 4mm periodontal pockets with moderate bleeding tendency





# Meet Chris


- Patient of record for five years.
  - Previous medical history: no significant findings
- Medical history [new finding]: hypertension. RX: Atenolol.
  - Blood Pressure: 142/85. Pulse 65.
  - Family history of cardiovascular disease: Maternal Grandmother has congestive heart failure. Paternal Grandfather passed from a myocardial infarction.
  - Occupation: dispatch firefighter for emergency services [works nocturnally].<sup>1</sup>
  - Diet: inconsistent. Patient reports consistent weight gain.
- Head & Neck Examination: Frank's Sign<sup>2</sup>. Fordyce Granules across buccal mucosa<sup>3</sup>.
- Periodontal Maintenance: History of SRP 1.5 years ago
  - Presents with localized 4mm periodontal pockets with moderate bleeding tendency
  - Previous findings reveal tissues within normal limits.
  - Patient reports new findings may be due to declined oral hygiene routine.

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MYTHS

FACTS



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a red vest over a patterned shirt and blue jeans, stands on a dark, wet pavement. He has his mouth wide open in a shout and his hands pressed against his eyes. The scene is lit with a strong blue light, creating a dramatic, high-contrast atmosphere. A long, dark shadow of the boy is cast across the pavement to his right. The ground is covered in small, dark debris.

I have to tell you about  
the future!



Your future is whatever you make it,  
so make it a good one!

~Doc Brown



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