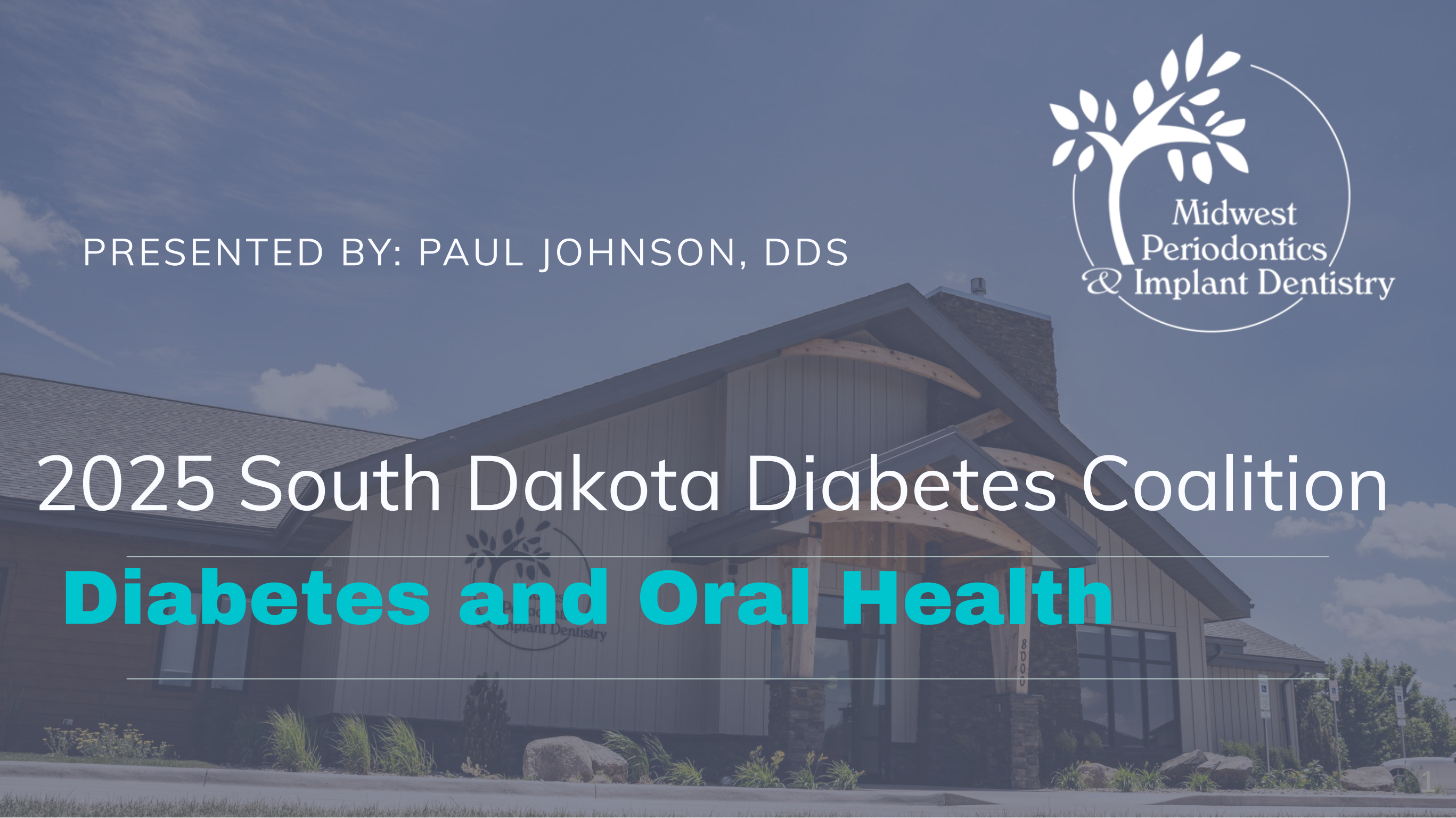


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# 2025 South Dakota Diabetes Coalition

## **Diabetes and Oral Health**







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University of Nebraska Medical Center College  
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UNMC Periodontal Residency (3 years)



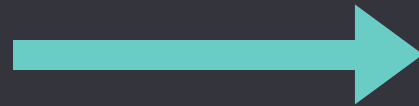




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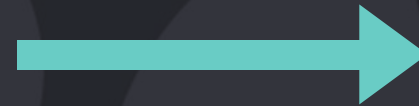
## Connections

Relationship between oral health and systemic health



## Impact

Poor oral health and  
glycemic control



## Strategies

Promoting oral health and  
treatment strategies





# What is a periodontist???



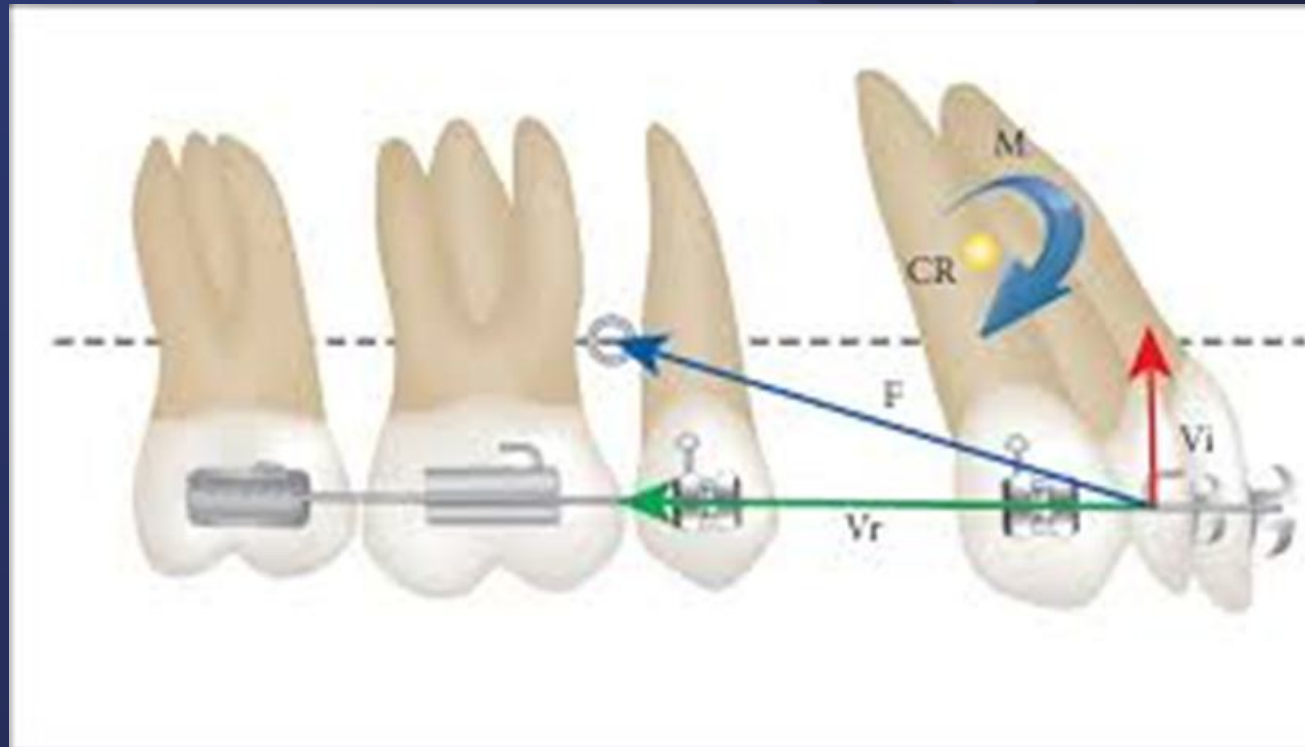
# 9 ADA Dental Specialties

- Dental Public Health
- Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- ★ Periodontics ★
- Prosthodontics

# Endodontics



# Orthodontics

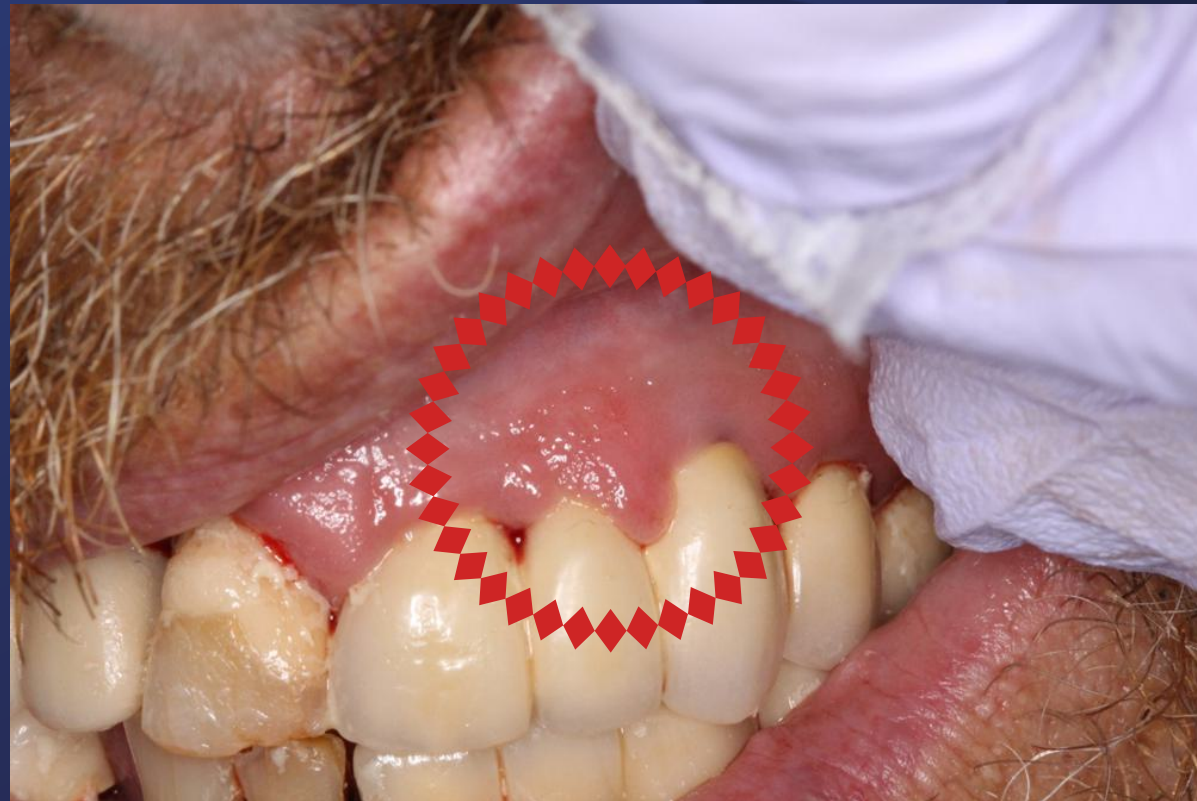




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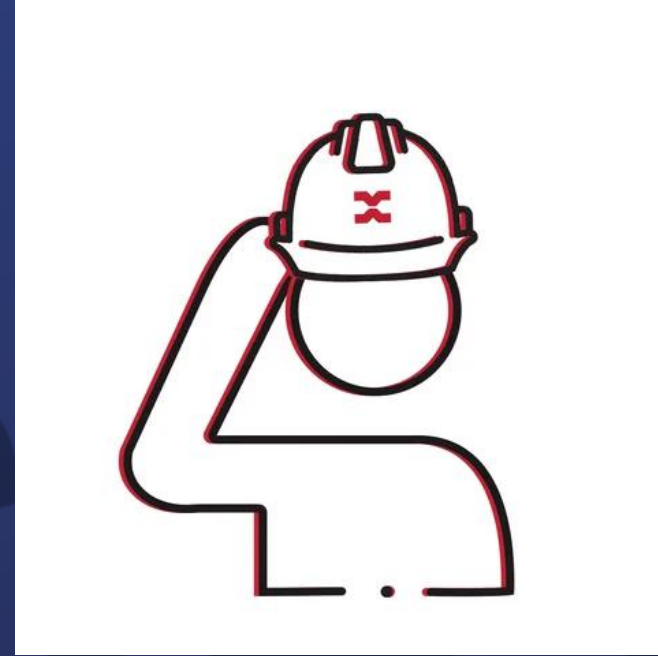
# Oral Pathology





# Pediatrics





# Periodontics







# Periodontics

- Periodontics is that specialty of dentistry which encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the supporting and surrounding tissues of the teeth or their substitutes and the maintenance of the health, function and esthetics of these structures and tissues. (ADA, 2018)



# Healthy



# Gingivitis





# ANUG



# Periodontitis





# Periodontitis



# Periodontitis





# Edentulous



# Periodontal Disease





# Periodontal Exam at Midwest Periodontics

- 1.5 hour appointment
- Medical history review
- Periodontal charting
- Radiographs as needed
- Photos as needed (evaluate for pathology)
- Address patient chief concerns
- Review oral hygiene instructions as needed
- Develop a treatment plan to best control bone loss and minimize inflammation in the mouth
  - Send correspondence letter to the referring office (99% of patients are referred)

# First visit to the periodontist



**They told me to come here!**  
**....and nothing hurts!**



# ○ Periodontal Diagnosis & Maintenance

**Losing teeth is NOT a natural part of the aging process**



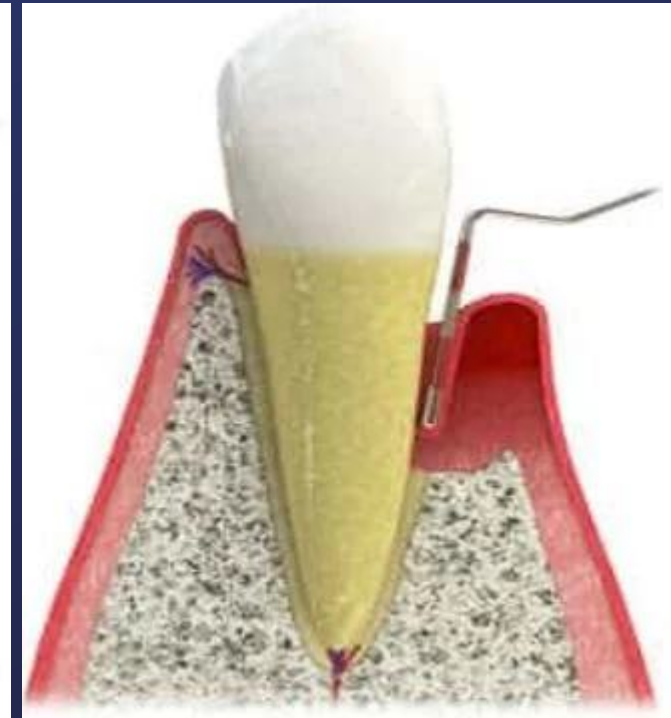
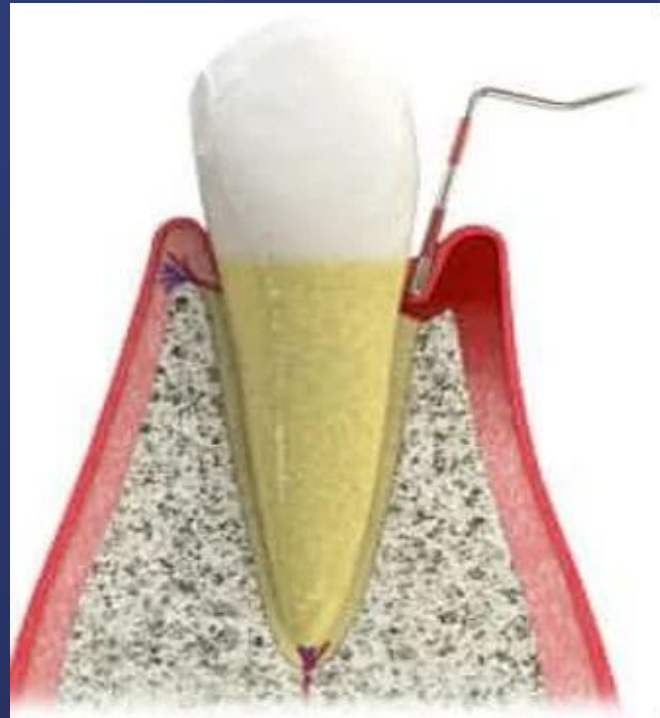
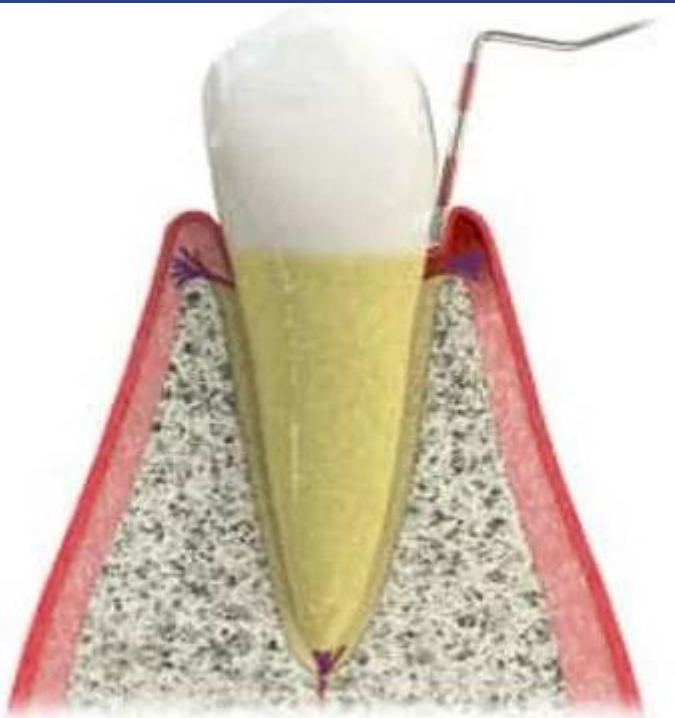
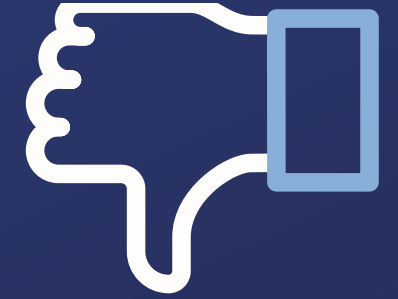
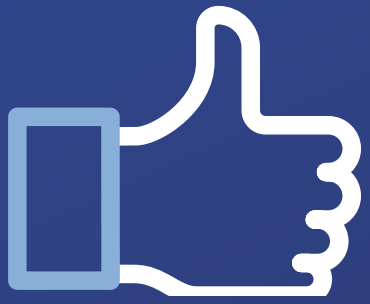




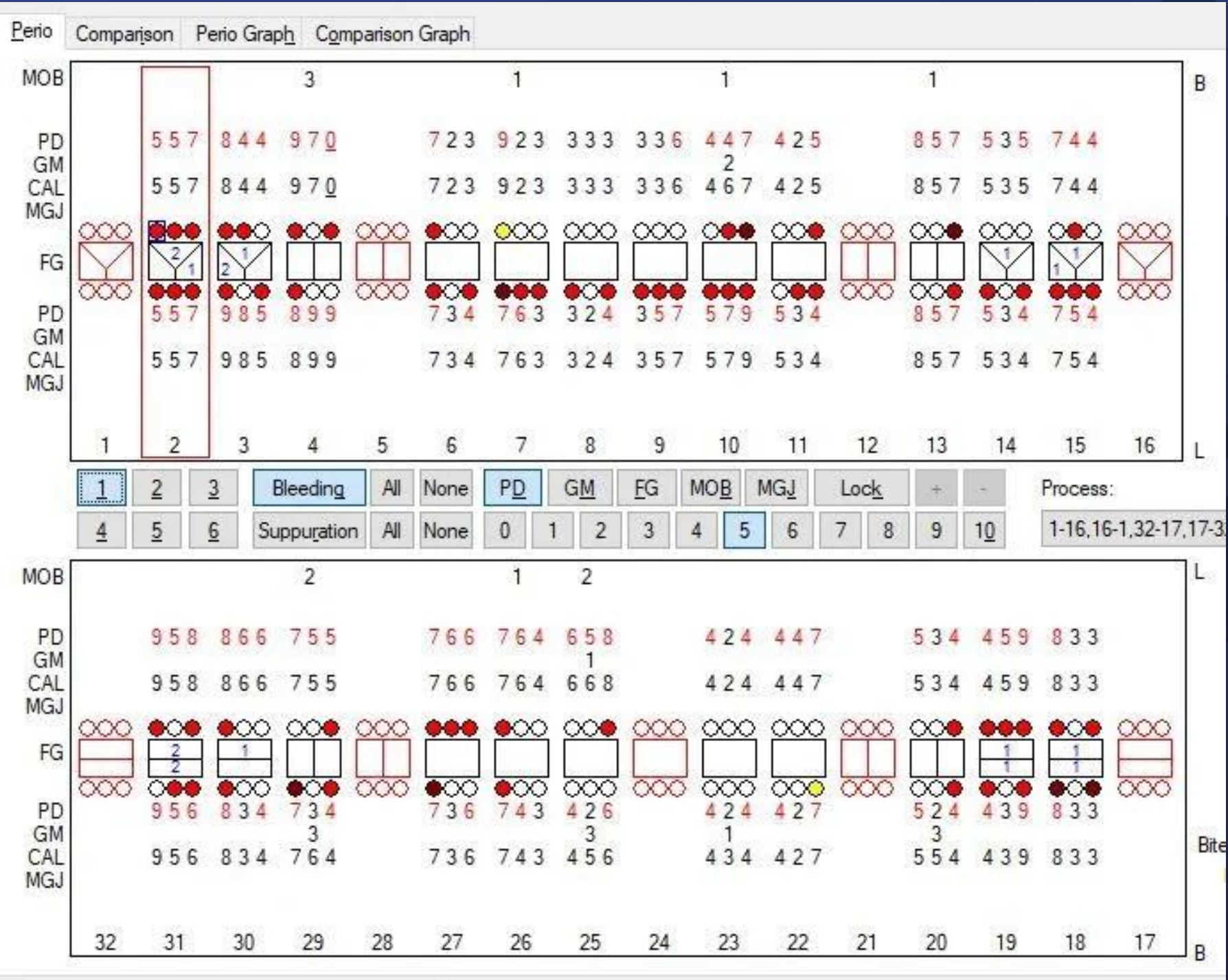
# Periodontal Diagnosis

**Periodontal disease is often a "silent disease."**

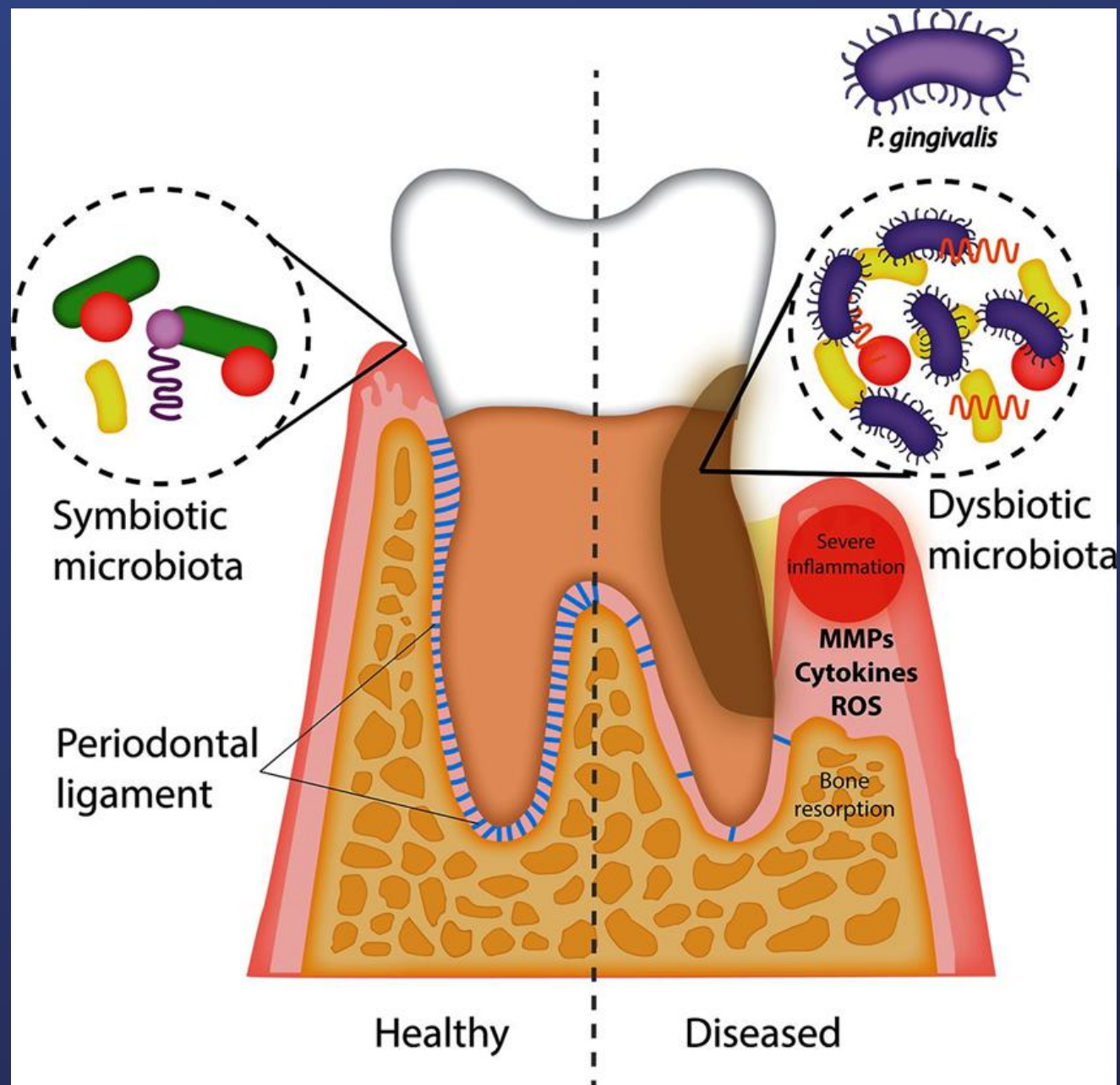




**Starts with a comprehensive periodontal exam**  
AKA: periodontal probing







➤ [mSphere](#). 2017 Nov 29;2(6):e00527-17. doi: 10.1128/mSphereDirect.00527-17.  
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# Subgingival Microbiome Colonization and Cytokine Production during Early Dental Implant Healing

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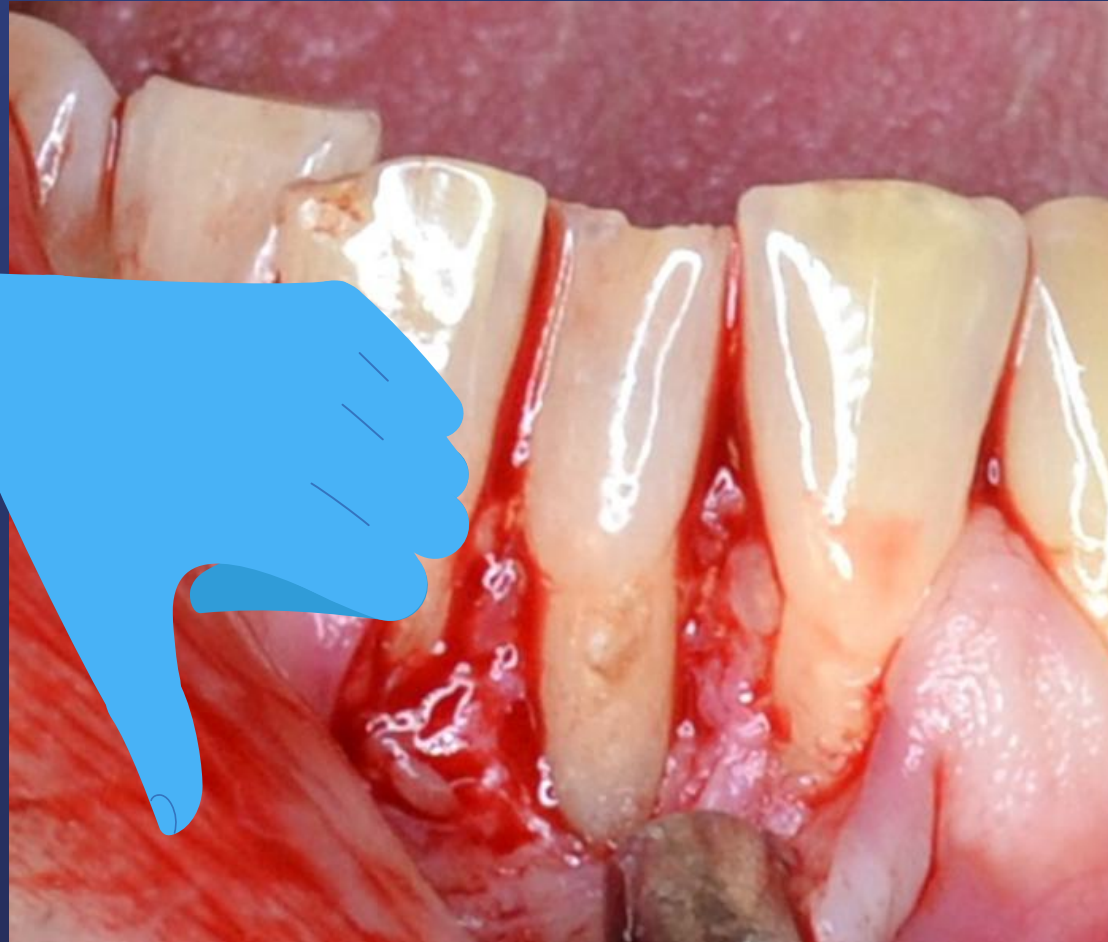
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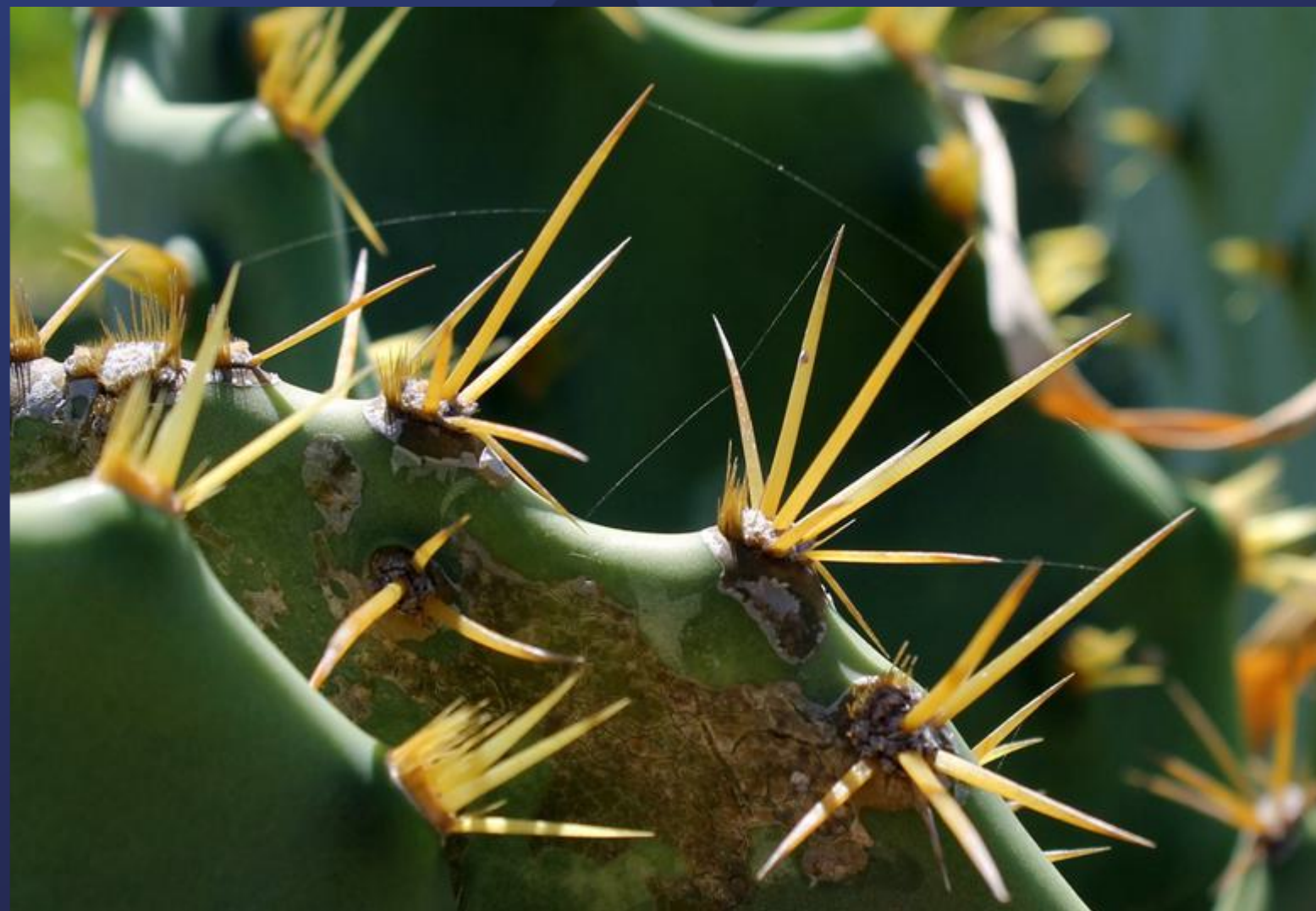
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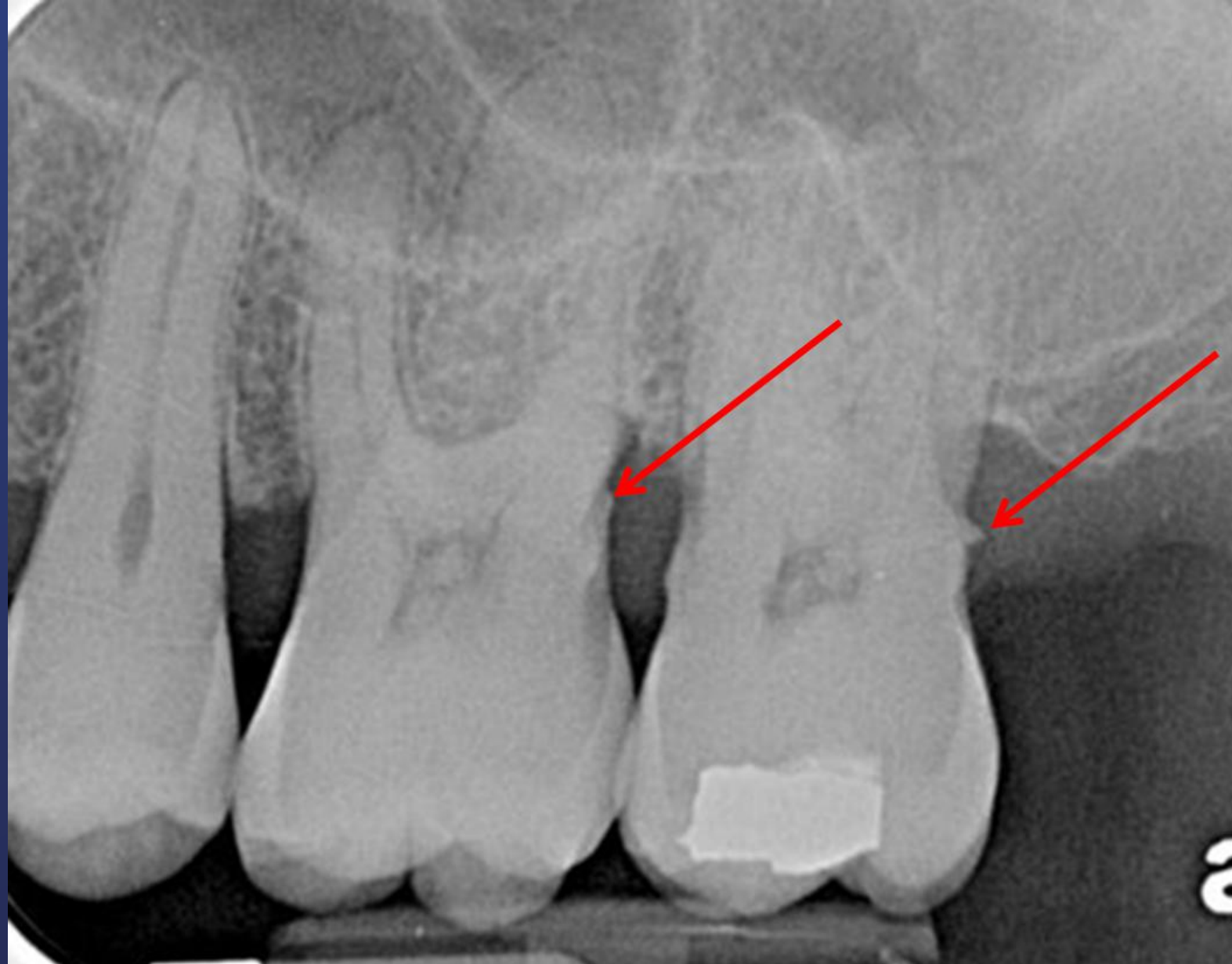


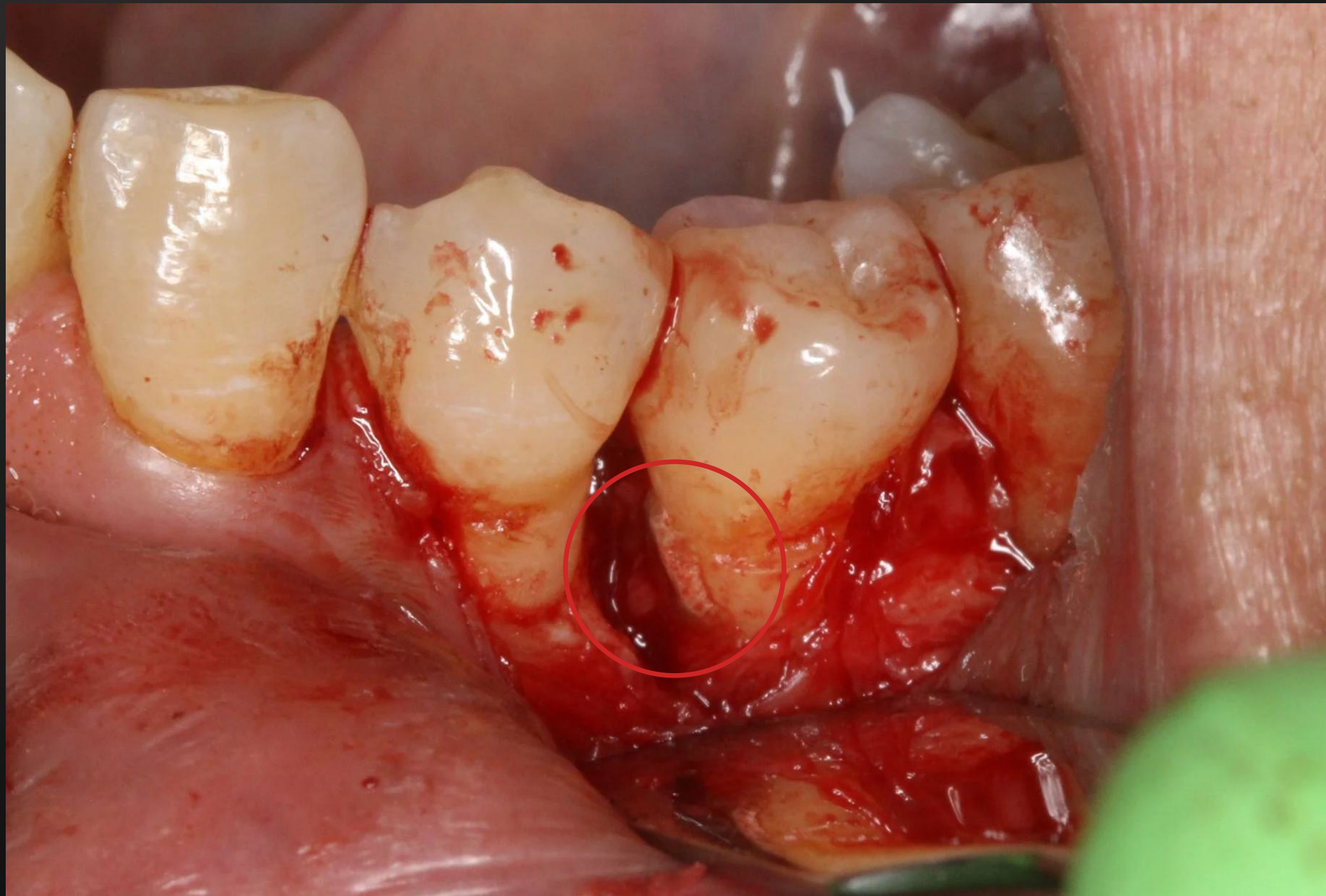






# Calculus (enemy #1)





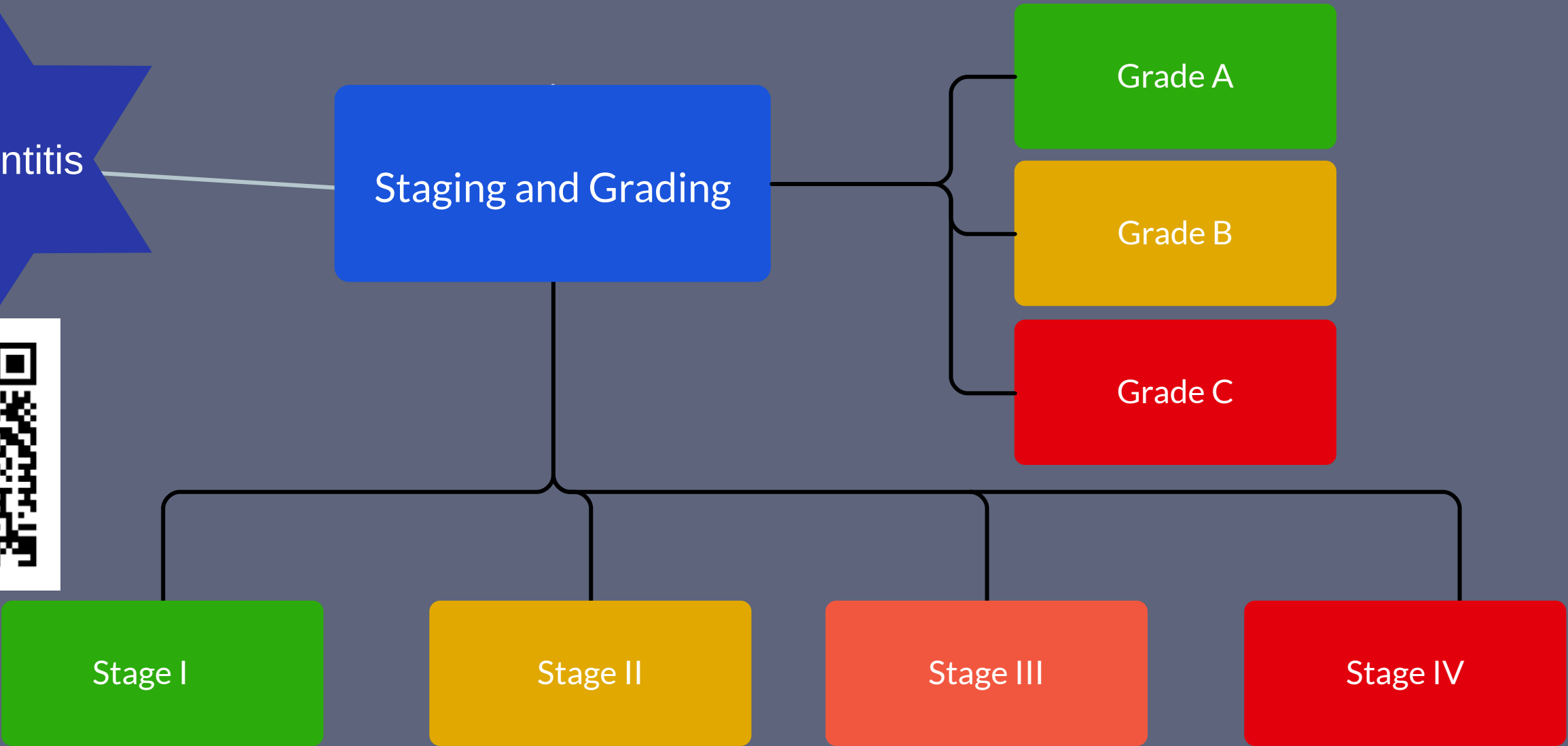
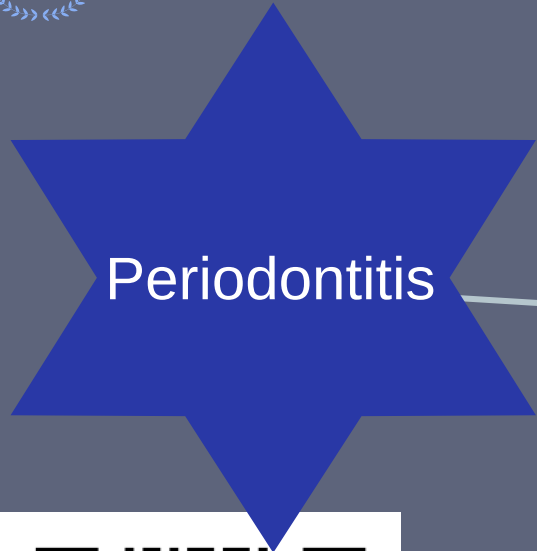
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**How do we measure the severity  
of periodontal disease????**





# 2017 Classification system!!!!



# Staging

	Periodontitis	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV
Severity	Interdental CAL (at site of greatest loss)	1 – 2 mm	3 – 4 mm	≥5 mm	≥5 mm
	RBL	Coronal third ( $<15\%$ )	Coronal third (15% - 33%)	Extending to middle third of root and beyond	Extending to middle third of root and beyond
	Tooth loss (due to periodontitis)	No tooth loss		≤4 teeth	≥5 teeth
Complexity	Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max. probing depth ≤4 mm</li> <li>Mostly horizontal bone loss</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Max. probing depth ≤5 mm</li> <li>Mostly horizontal bone loss</li> </ul>	In addition to Stage II complexity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Probing depths ≥6 mm</li> <li>Vertical bone loss ≥3 mm</li> <li>Furcation involvement Class II or III</li> <li>Moderate ridge defects</li> </ul>	In addition to Stage III complexity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for complex rehabilitation due to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masticatory dysfunction</li> <li>Secondary occlusal trauma (tooth mobility degree ≥2)</li> <li>Severe ridge defects</li> <li>Bite collapse, drifting, flaring</li> <li>&lt; 20 remaining teeth (10 opposing pairs)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Extent and distribution	Add to stage as descriptor	For each stage, describe extent as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Localized (<math>&lt;30\%</math> of teeth involved);</li> <li>Generalized; or</li> <li>Molar/incisor pattern</li> </ul>			



# Grading

	Progression		Grade A: Slow rate	Grade B: Moderate rate	Grade C: Rapid rate
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	Indirect evidence of progression	% bone loss / age	<0.25	0.25 to 1.0	>1.0
		Case phenotype	Heavy biofilm deposits with low levels of destruction	Destruction commensurate with biofilm deposits	Destruction exceeds expectations given biofilm deposits; specific clinical patterns suggestive of periods of rapid progression and/or early onset disease
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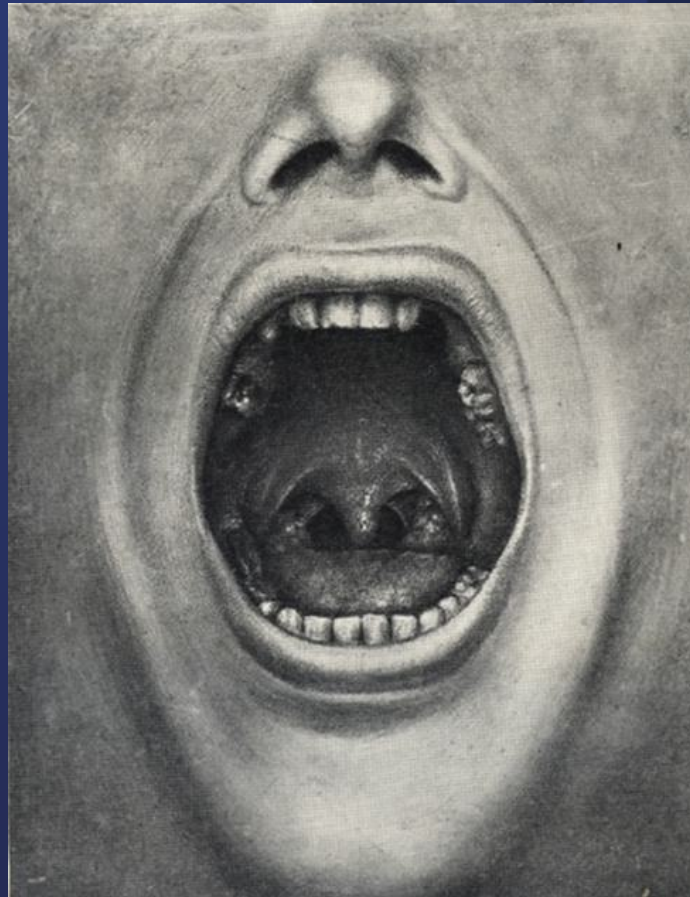
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Periodontal disease is a potential risk for other systemic diseases



**Acute  
Inflammation**

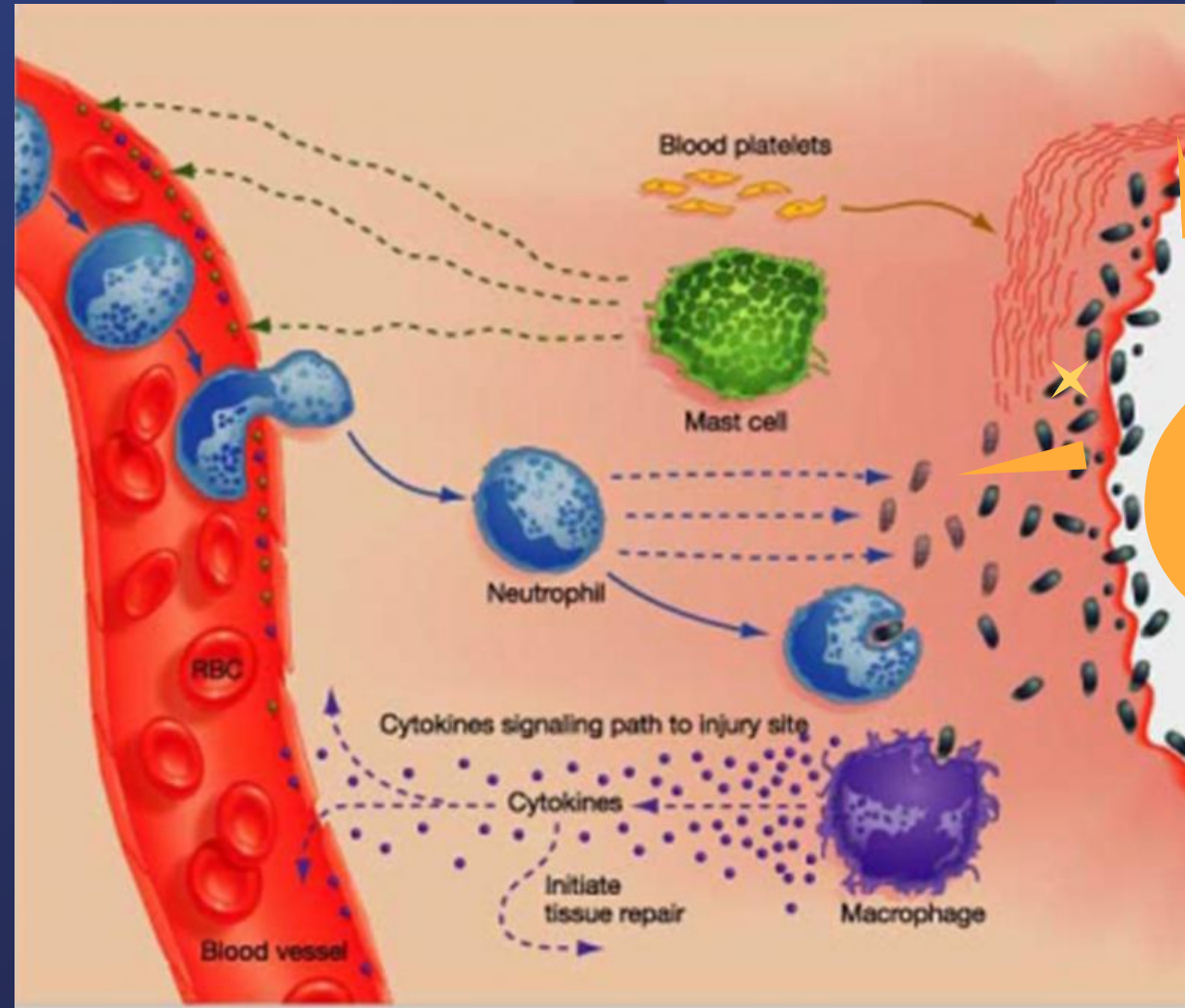
**Chronic  
Inflammation**







# Cellular response to injury = inflammation



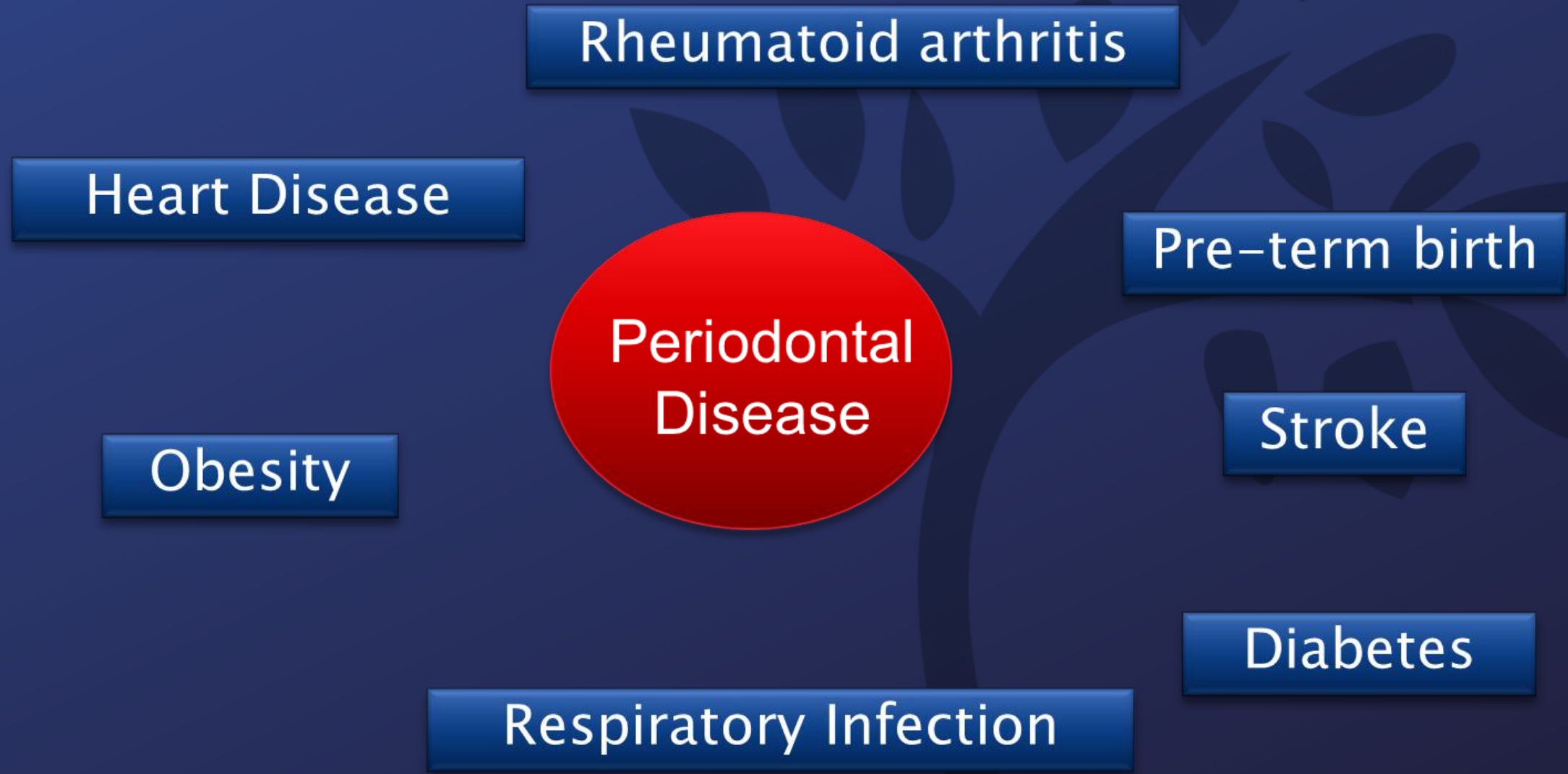


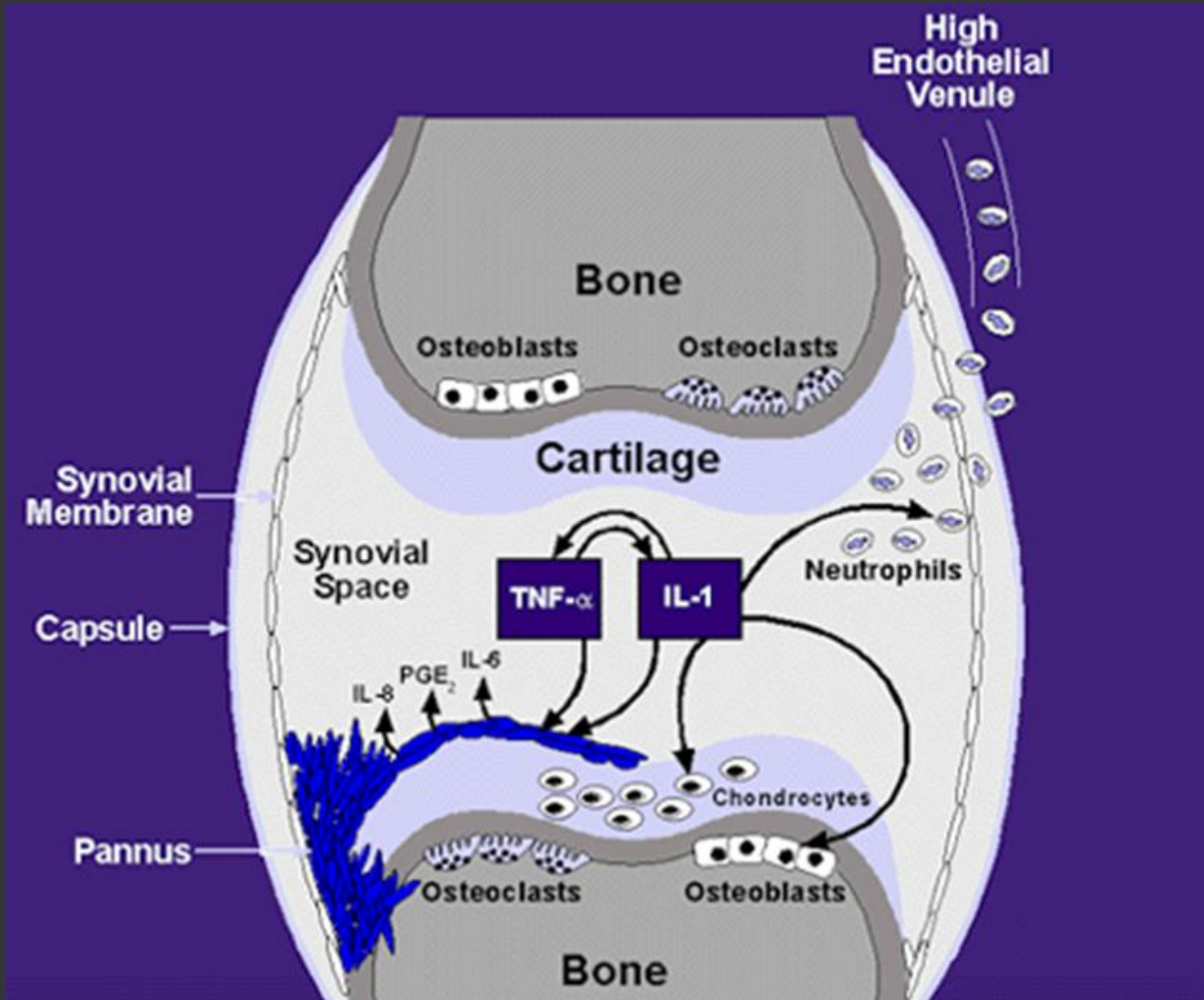
Inflammation is like a wild fire. It does not stay localized and its effects travel throughout the body





# Proposed systemic relationships:





# Rheumatoid Arthritis

A chronic inflammatory disorder affecting the joints and supporting structures (bone and tissue)

- ▶ P. GINGIVALIS OFTEN FOUND WITHIN AFFECTED JOINTS
- ▶ DENTAL CLEARANCE OFTEN NEEDED PRIOR TO ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

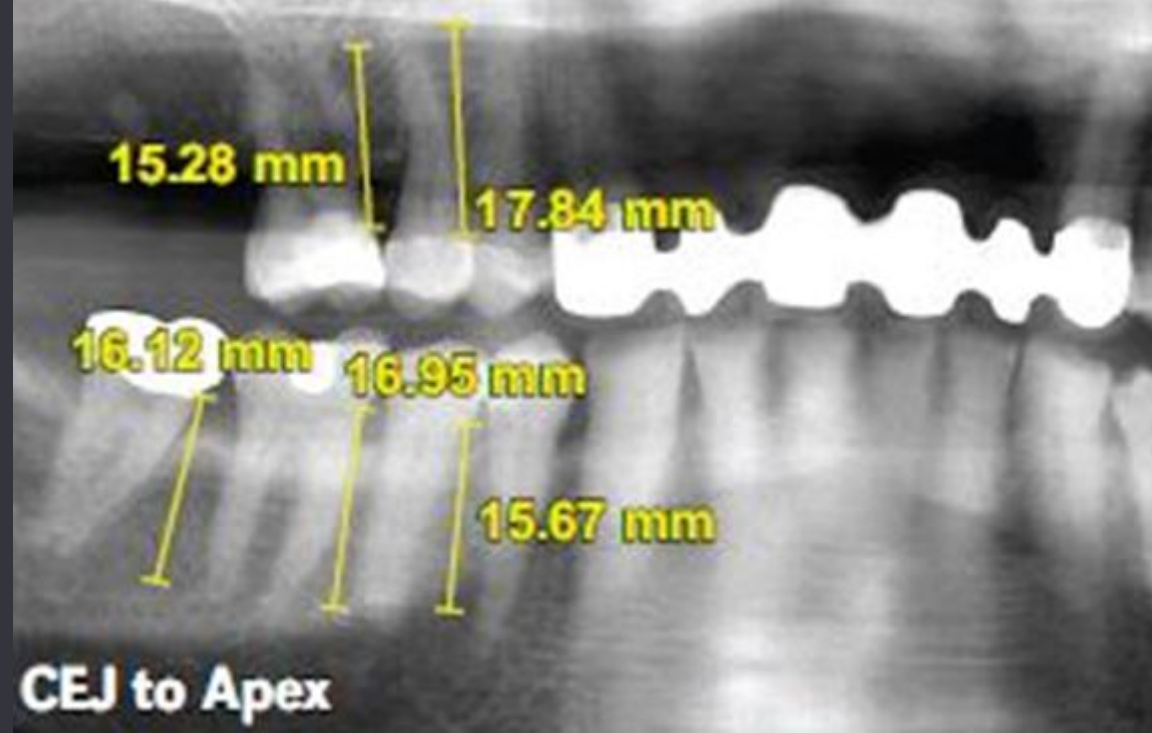


# Alveolar Bone Loss in Subjects with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis

Johnson PG<sup>1</sup>, Payne JB<sup>1</sup>, Gonzalez SM<sup>1</sup>, Schmid MJ<sup>1</sup>, Sayles HR<sup>2</sup>, Yu F<sup>2</sup>, and Mikuls TR<sup>3</sup>



# Conclusions



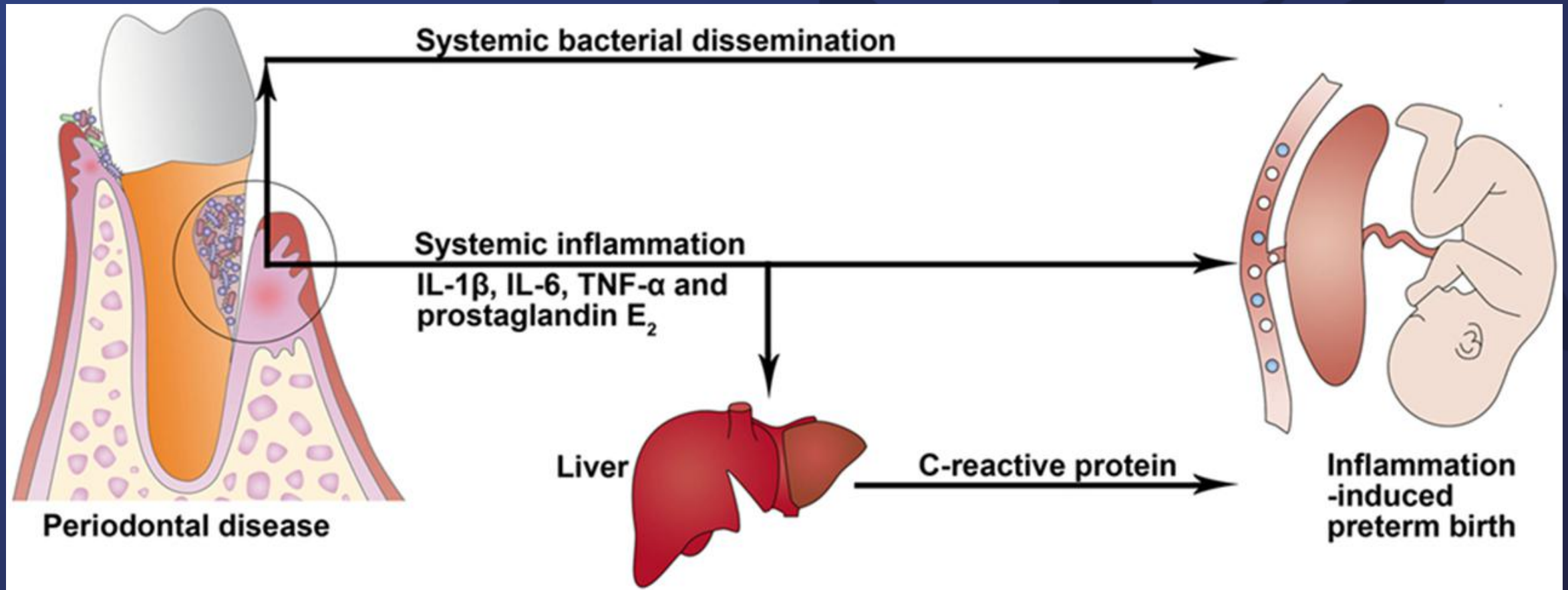
Patients with RA had a higher proportion of sites with severe alveolar bone loss than controls



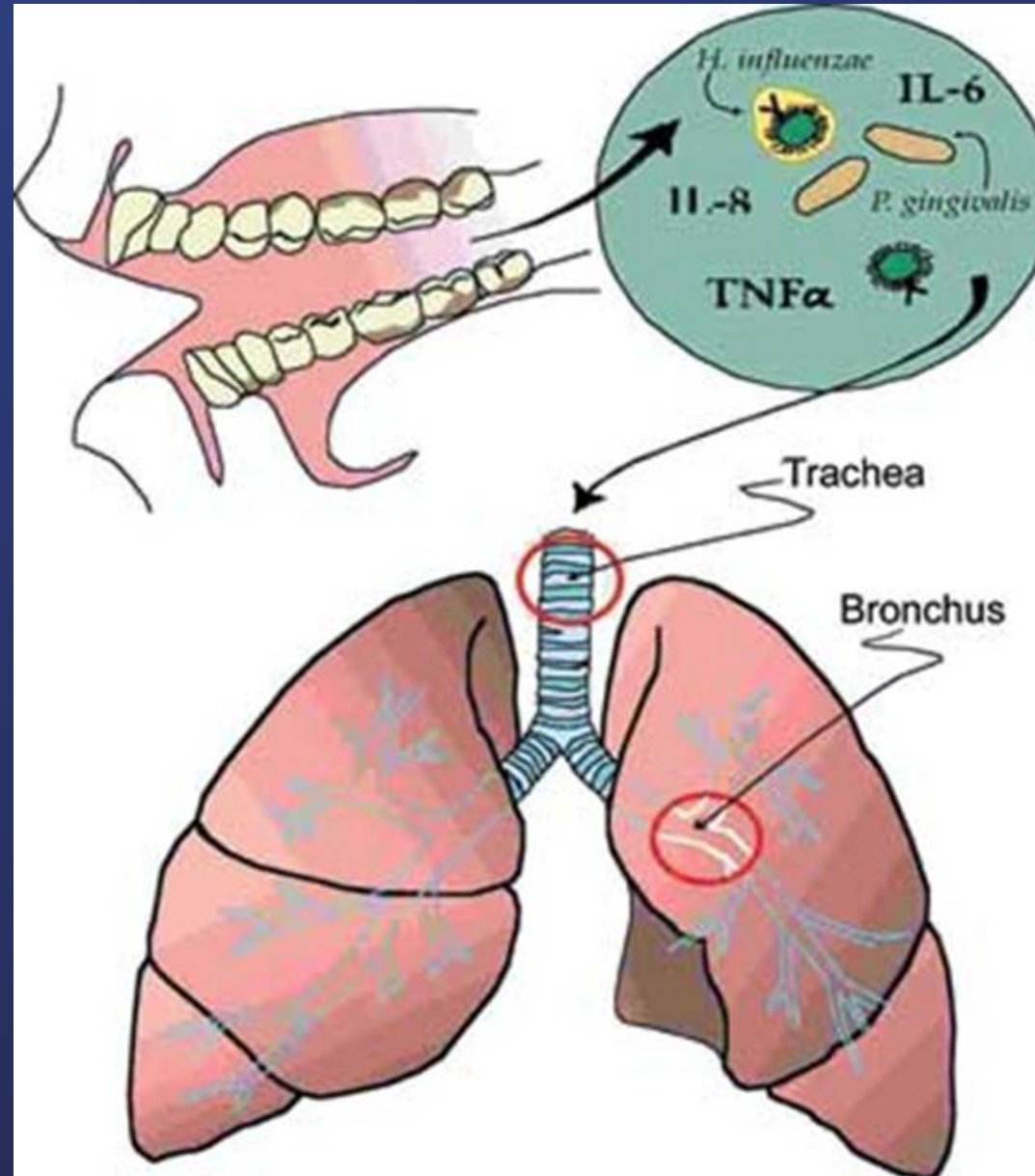
Periodontal bone loss was strongly associated with RA disease activity



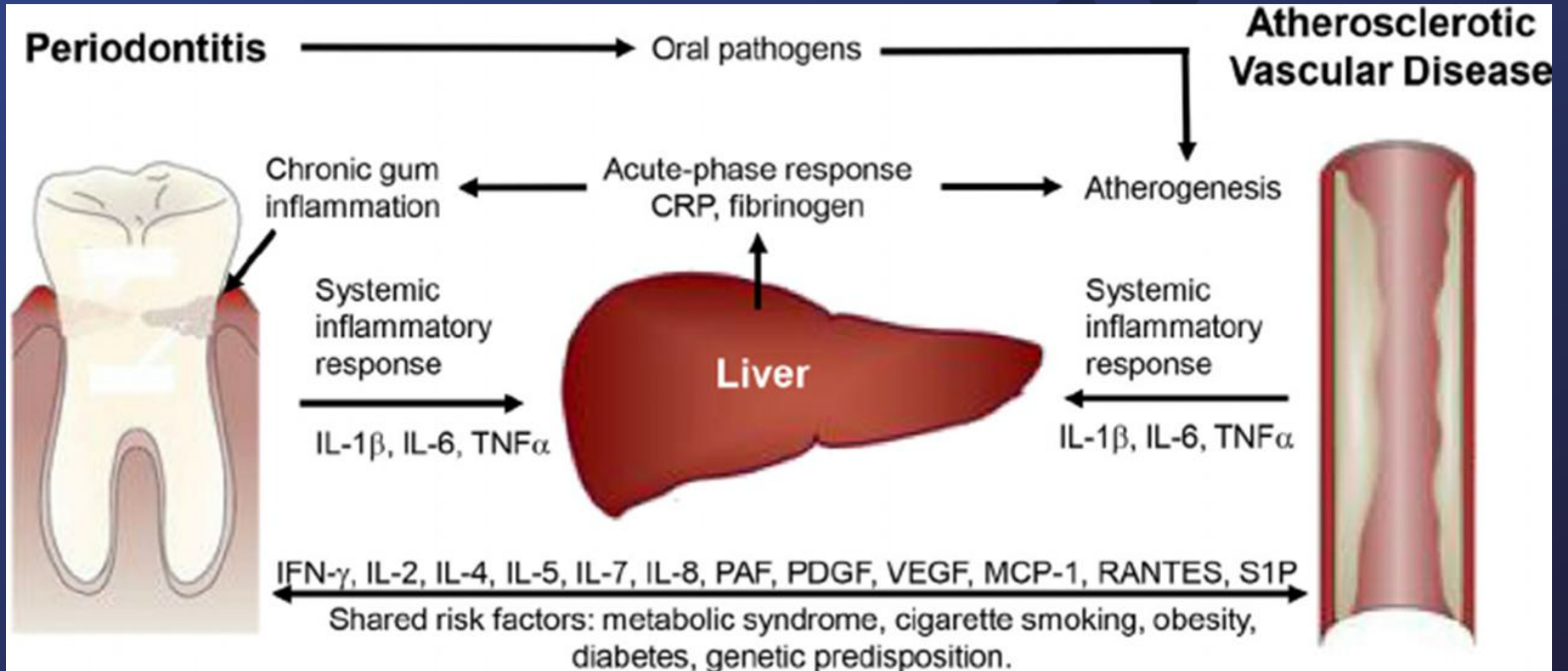
Evidence suggests RA may be a risk factor in the progression and severity of periodontitis



# Asthma







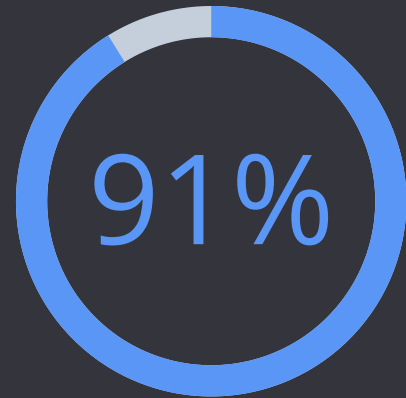


# Diabetes and Periodontal Health

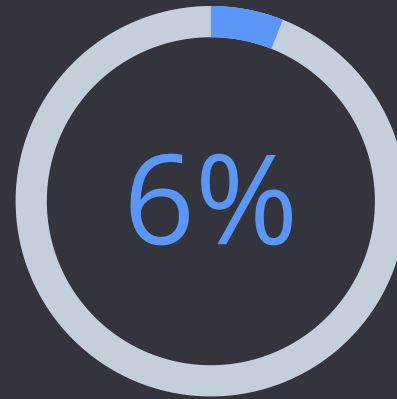




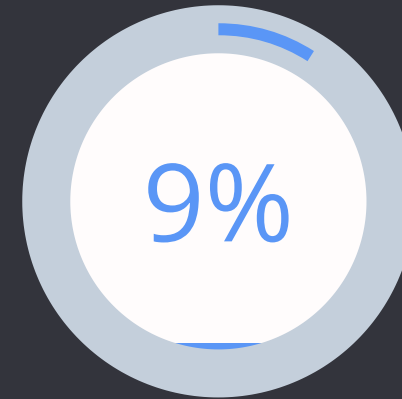
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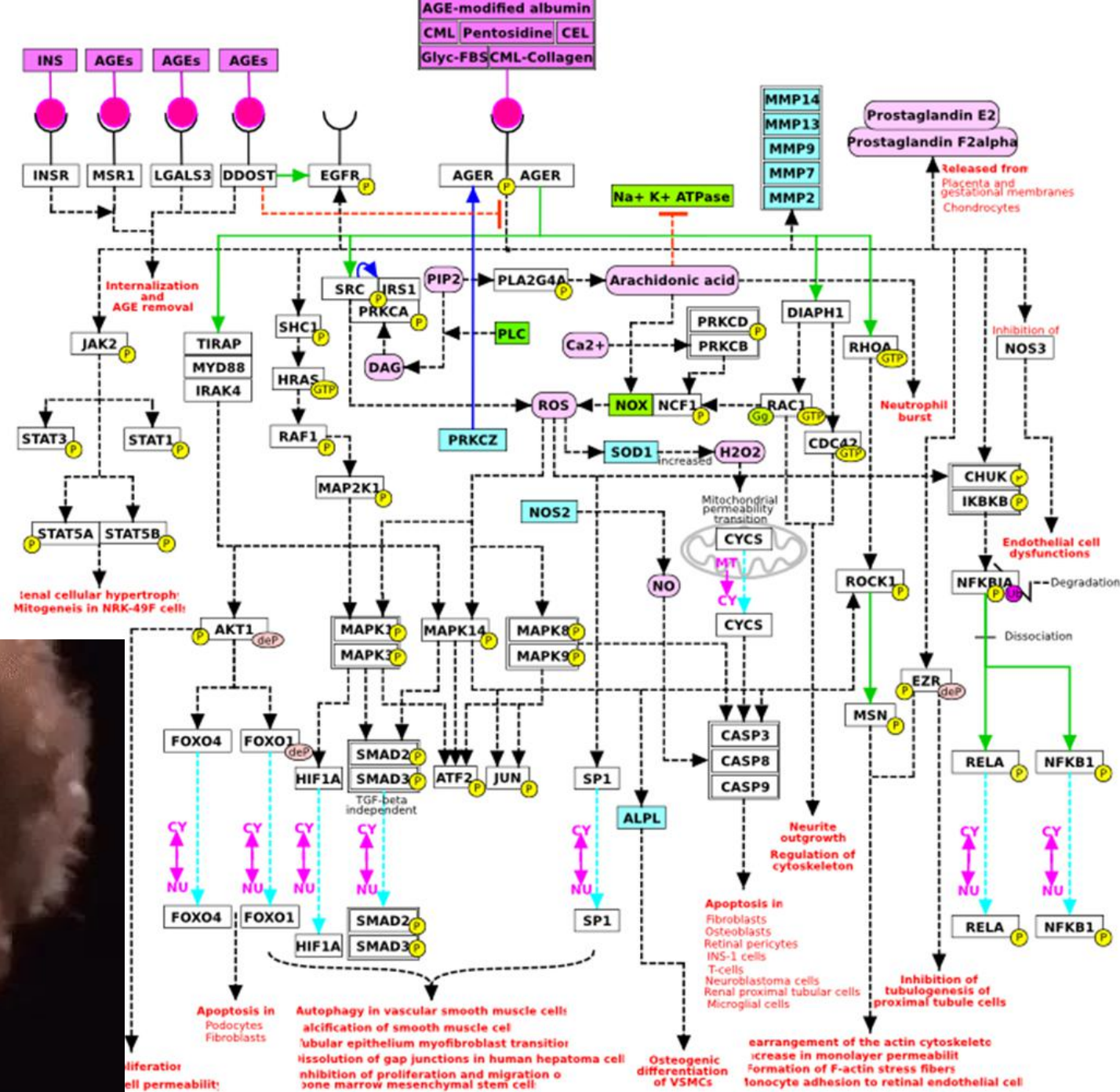
Type II



Type I



Prevalence among  
US population



# Proposed Mechanisms

Diabetes and Periodontal Disease

Host inflammatory  
response is altered in  
diabetics

A



## Impaired neutrophil chemotaxis



Mealey, 2006 A1C value/inflammation  
Sakurai, 2003 AGE/RAGE  
Leeper, 1985 PMN function is inhibited



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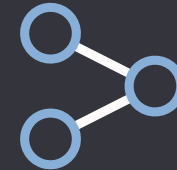
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**C**



Advanced glycation end products; Proteins that become irreversibly glycated in hyperglycemic states

**D**





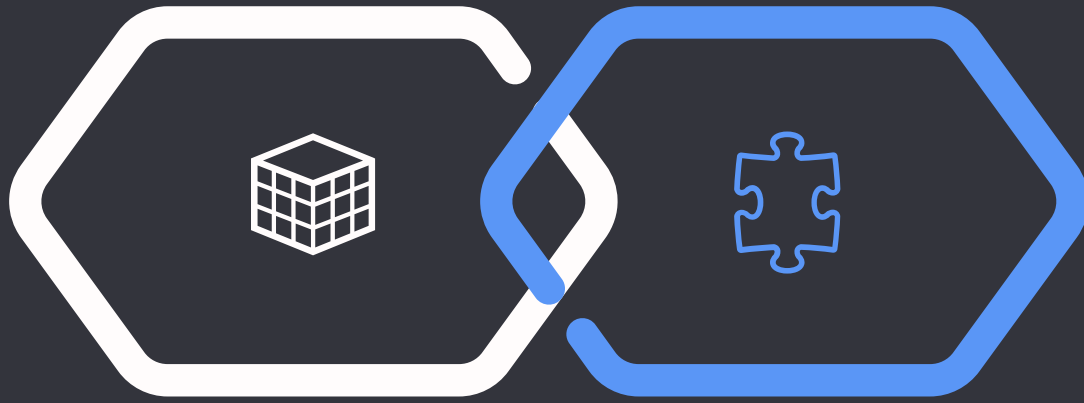
# Overview of Literature



**Number of bleeding sites  
improved as glycemic control  
improved (Mealey, 2006)**

LESS INFLAMMATION =- LESS BLEEDING

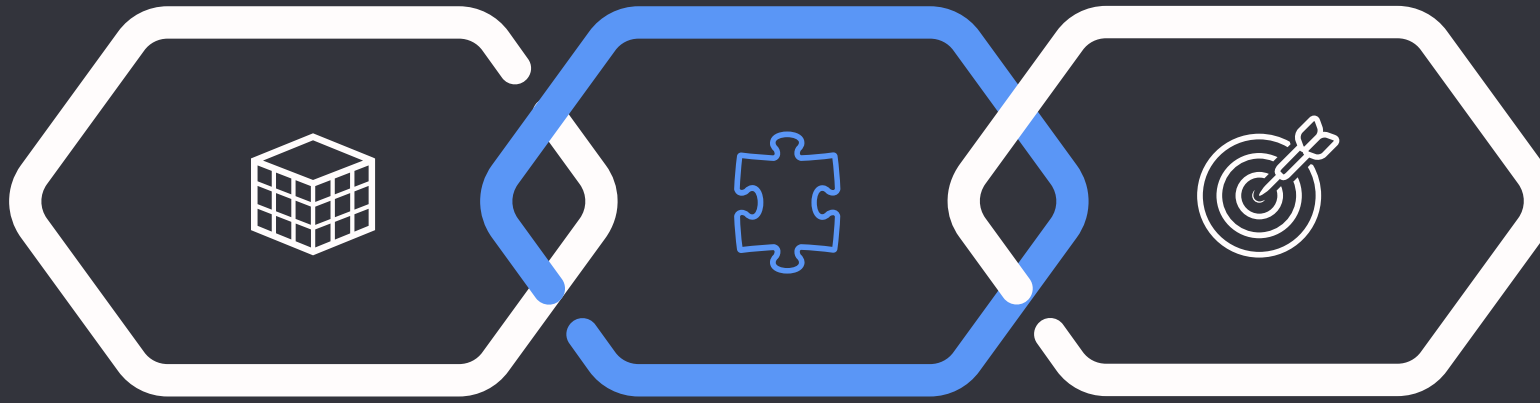
# Diabetes and Perio



**No stat significance regarding the amount of plaque, bleeding, calculus present in diabetics vs. non-diabetics (Khader, 2006)**

DIABETICS RESPOND DIFFERENTLY TO THE  
PRESENCE OF 'LOCAL FACTORS

# Diabetes and Perio

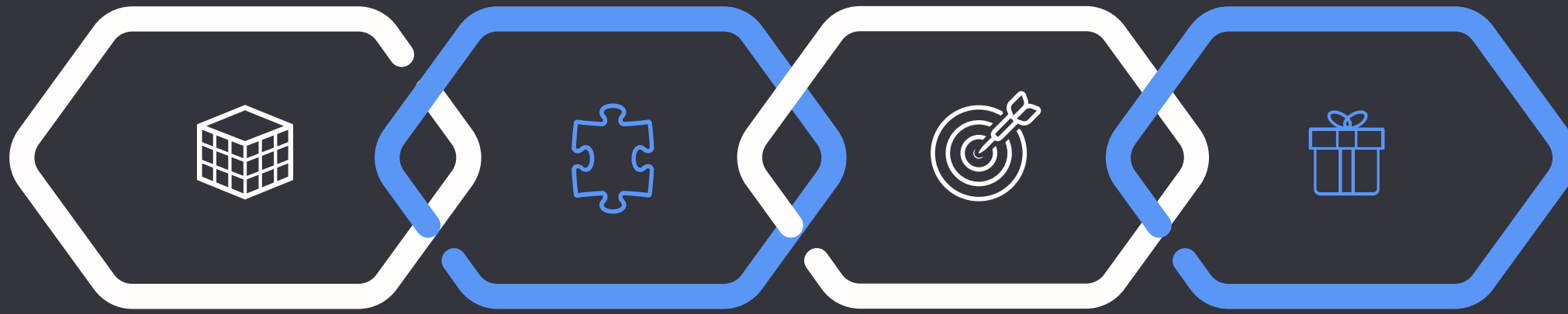


**Average pocket depth was  
significantly different among  
diabetics versus non-diabetics  
(Khader, 2006)**

REPAIR PROCESS IS IMPAIRED



# Diabetes and Perio



**6-fold increased risk of worsening  
glycemic control over time compared  
to subjects without periodontal  
disease (Taylor, 1996)**

INCREASED ORAL INFLAMMATION =  
WORSE GLYCEMIC CONTROL

# Diabetes and Perio

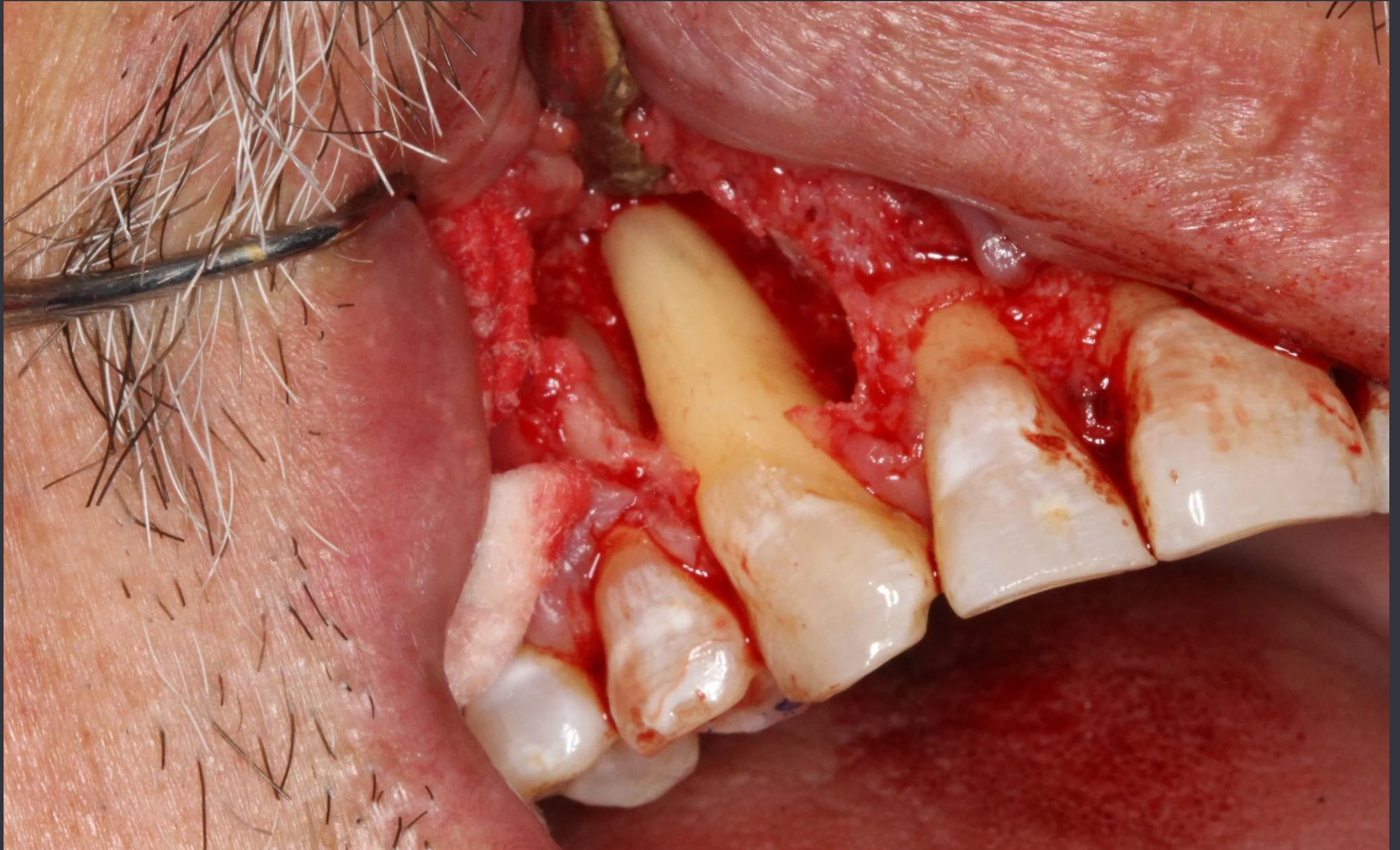


**Periodontal disease may induce elevated systemic inflammation. Evidence shows increased insulin resistance with greater viral and bacterial loads. Treating perio may aid in restoring insulin sensitivity**

BACTEREMIA IS COMMON. DISEASE BEHAVES  
LIKE AN OPEN WOUND

# Case Example















# Strategies used to manage inflammation



Managing inflammation is the key to oral and systemic health



How aggressively that inflammation needs to be managed can be determined through the help of the hygienist, dentist, and periodonttist

# Periodontist's Tool Chest





# Scaling and Root Planing

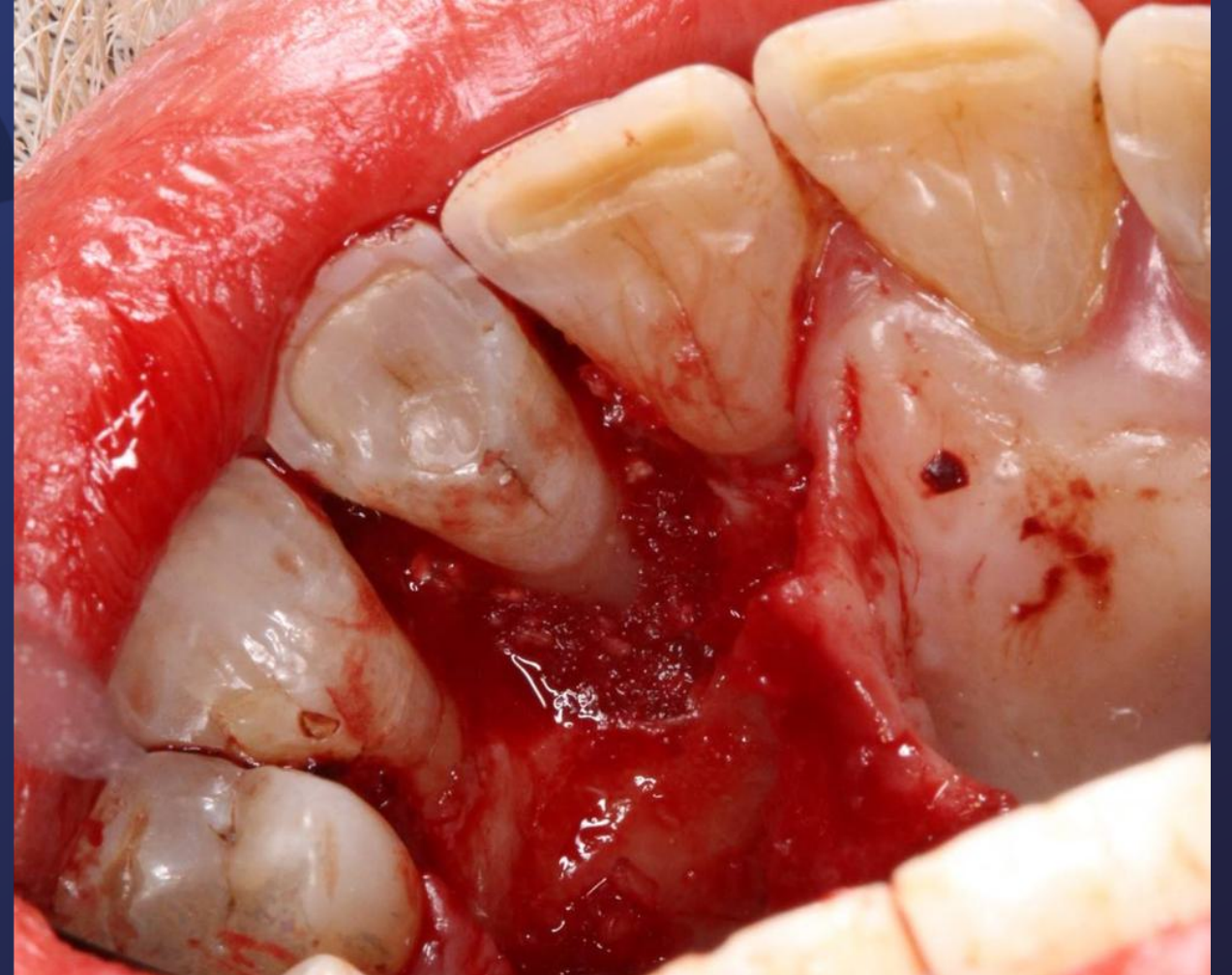
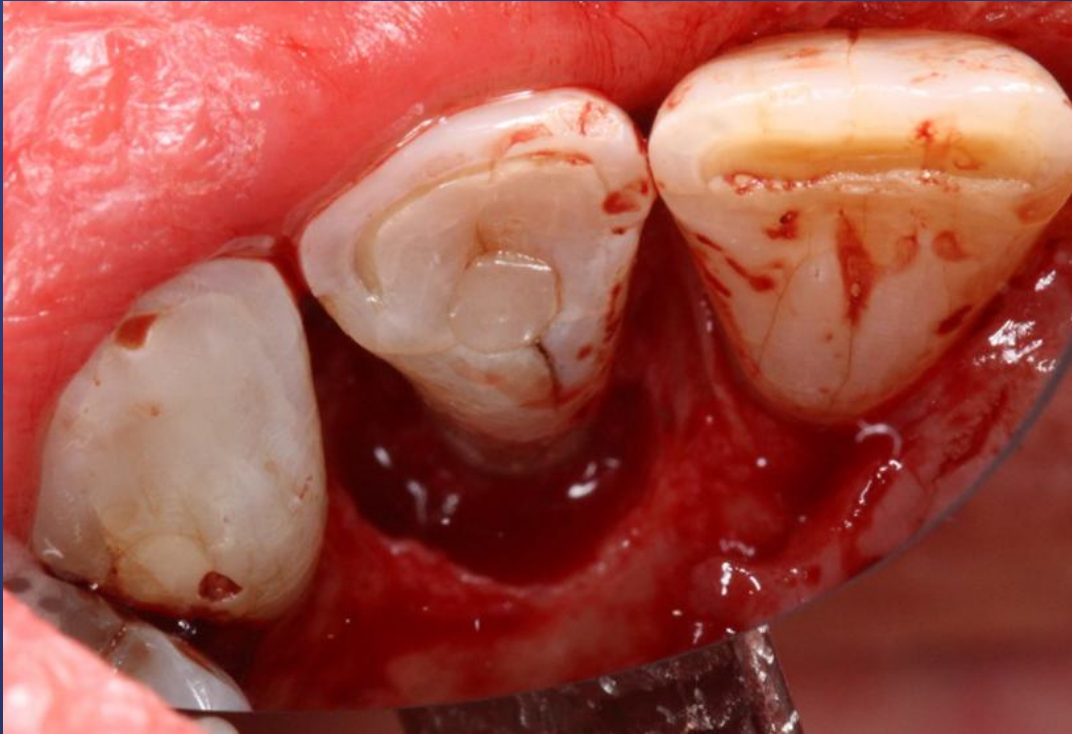


# Tissue Grafting





# Bone Grafting





# Flap Surgery



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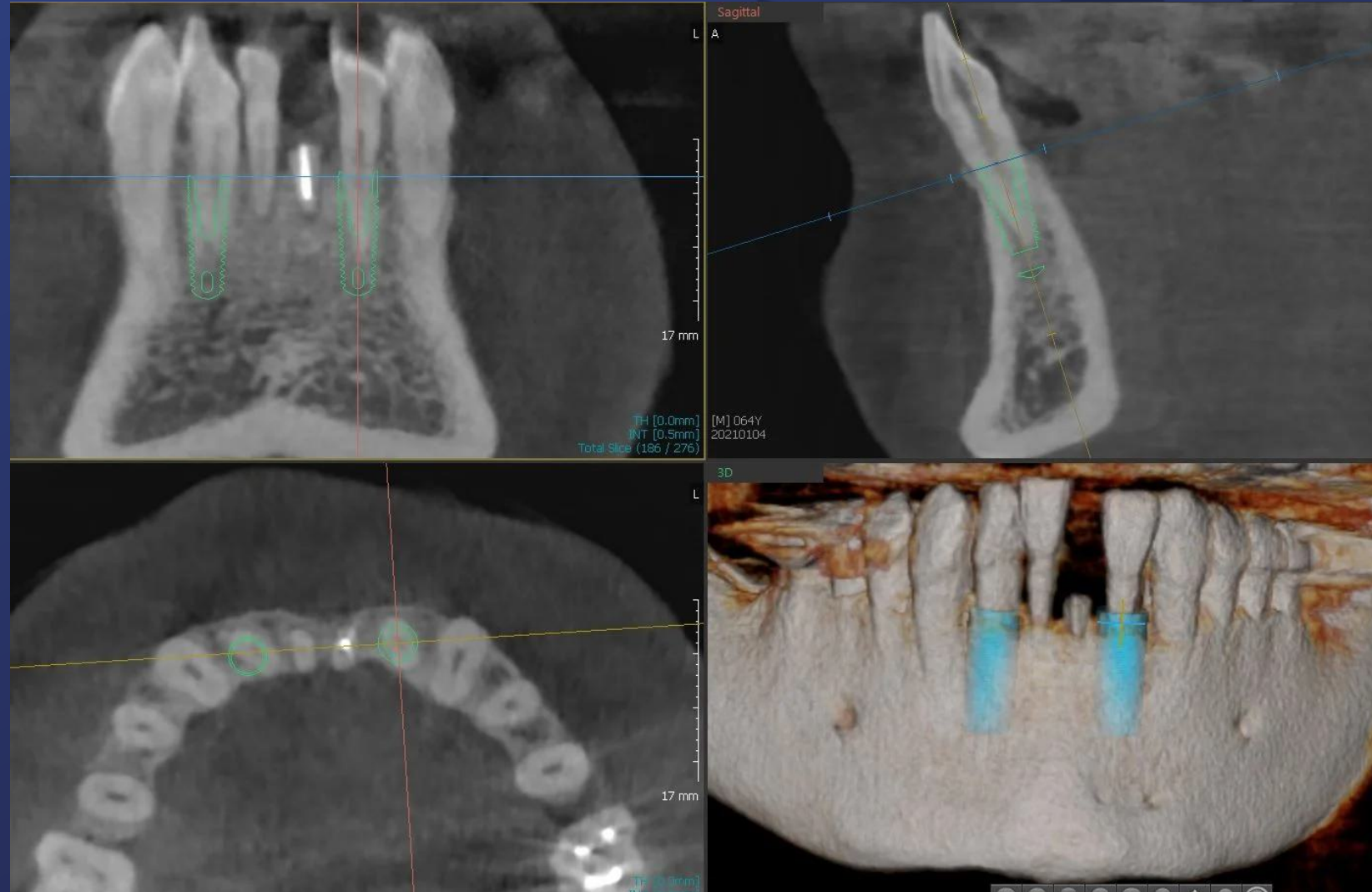








# Implant Placement



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# Dental considerations for diabetic patients

"Who's your dentist?"

Periodontal disease is often asymptomatic. Seeing your general dentist is the first step in determining the health of your gums and teeth.

Diabetic patients are at a much greater risk for tooth loss



# Hygiene Basics

Plaque is a sticky, colorless substance that forms on the teeth, especially above and below the gums. It's very similar to mayonnaise in consistency.

Removing plaque will reduce the chances of gingivitis, cavities, and periodontal disease



# Hygiene Basics

Mechanical removal of plaque





Oral hygiene never takes a holiday!!!



# THANK YOU!

DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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