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Historical and modern classification systems for periodontal diseases

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Abstract

Periodontal diseases comprise a number of inflammatory conditions that affect the supporting tissues of the teeth. The diagnosis of these common diseases is an important component of oral health care. Over the past decades a number of classification systems for periodontal diseases have been developed to properly diagnose and treat patients and to investigate etiology, pathogenesis and natural history of the diseases and conditions. The 1999 classification of periodontal diseases and conditions was widely used in clinical practice and scientific studies for almost 20 years. Limitations of the 1999 classification like lack of a pathobiology based distinction between the specified categories, non inclusion of peri-implant diseases and conditions and lack of a clear definition of periodontal health and disease led to the development of a new classification systemin 2017. The New Classification was developed in the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions conducted jointly by the American Academy of Periodontology and the European Federation of Periodontology. This article is a review of the historical and modern classification systems for periodontal diseases.

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Introduction

Periodontal diseases consist of a group of inherited or acquired conditions that affect the supporting tissues of the teeth. Periodontal diseases are probably the most common disease of mankind and periodontitis is a major cause of tooth loss which leads to reduced masticatory ability, poorer dietary intake and compromised aesthetics thereby reducing the quality of life. Moreover,

periodontal inflammation is associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes, cardiovascular disease, stroke, pulmonary disease, and diabetes.¹

Early diagnosis and prompt therapeutic intervention are key to the successful management of periodontal diseases.²

Diagnosis is an act of identifying a disease from its signs and symptoms.³Periodontal diagnosis is derived from information obtained from the patients medical and dental histories combined with findings from a thorough clinical examination aided, in some instances, by radiographic assessment and laboratory tests. An accurate diagnosis is the first step towards development of a effective treatment plan. In order to reach a correct diagnosis, classification systems for periodontal disease have been developed. 4 Classification systems are designed to arrange periodontal diseases into distinct categories based on current scientific data and to provide a framework for studying etiology, pathogenesis, and treatment of diseases. 4,5 In addition, a classification system makes communication between clinicians, researchers, patients and insurance companies possible by providing a common international language.⁶

A number of classification systems for periodontal diseases have been developed over the past decades. Experts in the field of periodontology have periodically assembled to develop a new classification system or to refine an existing one in order to accommodate advances in knowledge derived from scientific research. ^{7,8}

The purpose of this review paper is to present historical and modern classification systems for periodontal diseases.

Historical background

Periodontal diseases have afflicted humans for a very long time as indicated by ancient medical documents and human skeletal remains. Description of the periodontal diseases and their treatment is found in ancient Egyptian and Chinese writings some 4000 years ago.⁹

Hippocrates(460–377 BC) discussed the etiology of periodontal diseases and he believed that inflammation of the gums could be caused by accumulations of "pituita" or calculus and prescribed treatment for the same. A major contribution to dentistry and periodontology were from Abu'l-Qasim (Albucasis)(936-1013) as he described the technique of scaling the teeth using a set of instruments that he developed and he had a clear understanding of the major etiologic role of calculus deposits. ¹⁰

In 18th century Pierre Fauchard described etiology of periodontal disease in his book The Surgeon Dentist and termed inflammation of gums as scurvy of the gums. Another major contribution to the understanding of periodontal diseases was made by scottish surgeon and scientist John Hunter (1728–1793) in his books "The Natural History of the Human Teeth" and "A Practical Treatise on the Diseases of the Teeth".¹¹

In 1806 Joseph Fox published the first classification of periodontal diseases and it had three subdivisions:

- Disease peculiar to the part
- Disease resulting from extrinsic causes
- Disease resulting from the presence of teeth (Fox 1806). 12

In Europe, the term alveolar pyorrhea_was used to describe any form of periodontal disease unrelated to the aging process and Germany-born physician Frederick H. Rehwinkel (1825–1889) introduced this term to the American dental literature. The term pyorrhea alveolaris was quickly adopted by the dental community and it persisted for a very long time. ¹¹

John M. Riggs (1811–1885) was the leading authority on periodontal disease in the mid-nineteenth century and the first person to limit his practice to periodontics. Riggs is considered the first specialist in this field and periodontitis in USA was known as "Riggs' disease". He realised that periodontal disease was caused by local factors i.e calculus and advocated conservative treatment by oral prophylaxis and meticulous oral hygiene. He classified periodontal disease based on extent of periodontal destruction as suppurative inflammation of the gums, and Absorption of the gums and alveolar process. 9,10,13

During this period (i.e late 1800s and early 1900s) there was little knowledge about

etiology and pathogenesis of periodontal diseases. Publications on the subject represented the opinion of a single person who almost always based the classification on clinical manifestations and theoretical explanations of causation without any scientific evidence.⁷

The concept that dominated the classification from 1870 to 1920 has been named as the clinical characteristics paradigm by Gary C Armitage. According to Armitage three dominant paradigmsguided the classification systems for periodontal diseases that reflected the thoughts about the nature of periodontal diseases during a given historical period. These three paradigms were the clinical features paradigm (1870–1920), the classical pathology paradigm (1920–1970), and the Infection/host response paradigm (1970–present). Classification systems in the modern era represent a blend of all three paradigms.⁷

In 1879, C.G. Davis classified periodontal disease into three distinct forms:

- Gingival recession with minimal or no inflammation,
- Periodontal destruction secondary to 'lime deposits and
- 'Riggs Disease'.

A few years later G.V. Black presented the classification of periodontal diseases based on their clinical characteristics into five separate groups:

- constitutional gingivitis; including mercurial gingivitis, potassium iodide gingivitis and scurvy.
- a painful form of gingivitis.
- simple gingivitis.
- calcic inflammation of the peridental membrane.
- phagedenic pericementitis (meaning spreading ulcer or necrosis).(chronic suppurative pericementitis)

During this period, pyorrhea alveolaris was the most commonly used term for periodontal disease.⁷

Gottlieb in the 1920s, based on histopathological studies, introduced a new concept that certain forms of periodontal disease were due to degenerative changes in the periodontium and termed it as diffuse atrophy of alveolar bone. He used this term to describe a form of periodontal disease in young individuals who exhibited massive and localized bone loss around some or all of the permanent incisors and first molars with only minimal or no overt signs of gingival inflammation. Gottlieb's work had a wide spread influence and almost every classification during this period(1920-1970) had a dystrophic, atrophic or degenerative category.

Gottlieb classified periodontal diseases into four types: Schmutz-Pyorrhoe, Paradental-Pyorrhoe, alveolar atrophy or diffuse atrophy and occlusal trauma.^{3,7}

In 1925 the term periodontitis was introduced by McCall & Box to designate the inflammatory disease of the periodontium. Box differentiated between Simplex periodontitis(due to local etiological factors) and Complex periodontitis (due to systemic etiologic factors).³

Becks (1929/1931) classified periodontal diseases into two groups and termed diseases of inflammatory origin as paradentitis and those of dystrophic form as paradentosis.³

Orban & Weinmann adopted this nomenclature and coined the term periodontosis to designate this degenerative type of periodontal disease. In 1942, based on the recommendations of the nomenclature committee of the American Academy of Periodontology, Orban proposed a classification according to pathologic point of view into Inflammation, Degeneration, Atrophy, Hypertrophy, and Traumatism categories. 14

The American Academy of Periodontology organized a meeting in 1957 where the classification of periodontal diseases was revisited. Diseases were classified into

Inflammatory processes and Dystrophic processes. The Inflammatory processes consisting of gingivitis (chronic, acute, necrotizing, fibrotic, desquamative, ulcerative, bullous) and periodontitis (simplex, complex). The Dystrophic processes consisting of occlusal traumatism, diffuse atrophy, gingivosis and periodontosis. ¹⁵

The 1996 World Workshop in Periodontics concluded that the term periodontosis should be abandoned as there is insufficient evidence to identify it as a specific disease entity.¹⁶

The first individual to identify bacteria as the cause of periodontal disease was German dentist Adolph Witzel (1847–1906). However, Willoughby D. Miller (1853–1907) was the first true oral microbiologist. He advocated that complex group of bacteria in presence of predisposing factors and local irritation cause periodontal disease what was later known as the nonspecific plaque hypothesis. However, the concept that bacteria play an important etiologic role in periodontal diseases was accepted nearly hundred years later. The second periodontal diseases was accepted nearly hundred years later.

During the mid-1960s, microbiological studies provided scientific basis of the infectious nature of periodontal diseases. Of particular importance were the classical studies of human experimental gingivitis performed in 1965–1968 by Loe et al.which provided convincing evidence of the bacterial origin of periodontal diseases. Study by Michael G. Newman and colleagues reported that a complex and variable subgingival microbiota could be isolated from periodontosis lesions confirming that the disease was an infection. ¹⁷

Butler in 1969 introduced the term "juvenile periodontitis" to replace periodontosis.³

In 1977 the World Workshop organized by American Academy of Periodontology eliminated the term periodontosis and juvenile periodontitis was adopted as a new term to describe the periodontal condition of young individuals with severe periodontal bone loss. At the end of workshop periodontal diseases were categorized into juvenile periodontitis and chronic marginal periodontitis. 11

Page & Schroeder in 1982 classified periodontitis into prepubertal, juvenile, rapidly progressive, adult periodontitis, and acute necrotizing ulcerative gingivoperiodontitis (ANUG/P). Except ANUG/P age of onset was an important distinguishing factor and it was adopted in all the subsequent classification systems.³

In 1986 the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) recommended the following classification³:

I Juvenile periodontits

A Prepubertal periodontitis

B Localized juvenile periodontitis

C Generalized juvenile periodontitis

II Adult periodontis

III Necrotizing ulcerative gingivo-periodontitis

IV Refractory periodontitis.

JB Suzuki in 1988 proposed the following classification⁸: Forms of gingivitis

- 1. Plaque-associated gingivitis
- 2. ANŪG
- 3. Steroid hormone-influenced gingivitis
- 4. Medication-influenced gingival overgrowth
- 5. Other forms of gingivitis

Forms of periodontitis

- 1. Adult periodontitis
- 2. Rapidly progressive periodontitis:

type A

3. Rapidly progressive periodontitis:

type B

4. Juvenile periodontitis

5. Postjuvenile periodontitis

6.Prepubertal periodontitis

As a refinement to the previous classification, AAP at the World Workshop in Clinical Periodontics recommended a new classification system⁷. The disease "Early-Onset Periodontitis" category (EOP) was introduced to designate a group of dissimilar destructive periodontal diseases that affected young patients (i.e., rapidly prepubertal, juvenile, and progressive periodontitis) if they exhibited significant attachment loss in the presence of little local factors (plaque and calculus) and were less than 35 years of age^{5,18}. Periodontal disease were categorized as following³:

I Adult periodontitis

II Early onset periodontitis

A Prepubertal periodontits

1 Generalized

2 Localized

B Juvenile periodontitis

1 Generalized

2 Localized

C Rapidly progressive periodontitis

III Periodontitis associated with systemic diseases

IV Necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis

V Refractory periodontitis.

This classification depended on the age of onset and rate of disease progression. Periodontitis associated with systemic disease was added as a new category. 7

One of the main limitations of the 1989 classification system was lack of a category for gingival diseases. Other shortcomings include inappropriate emphasis on age of onset of disease and rates of progression, a significant overlap between disease categories and inadequate classification criteria.⁵

In 1993 Ranney provided a simplified classification system consisting of Gingivitis, adult periodontitis, early onset periodontitis, necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis, and periodontal abscess eliminating 'Periodontitis Associated with Systemic Disease'and refractory peridontitis categories. This classification system was widely accepted as it was easy to use. However it was not possible to classify all the periodontal conditions with this classification system.

In the same year European Workshop on Periodontology suggested a simple classification distinguishing between early onset periodontitis, adult periodontitis and necrotizing periodontitis⁷

In order to address the limitations associated with 1989 classification system, an International Workshop for a Classification of Periodontal Diseases and Conditions was held in 1999 and a new classification was agreed upon.⁵

The 1999 AAP classification system is comprehensive enlisting over 40 gingival diseases and

seven major categories of destructive periodontal diseases. The terms adult periodontitis and early onset periodontitis were replaced with chronic periodontitis and aggressive periodontitis, respectively, to eliminate the age dependent criteria. In addition, refractory periodontitis, rapidly progressive periodontitis(RPP) and prepubertal periodontitis were eliminated as separate disease categories because of their extraordinary heterogeneity and Periodontitis associated with Systemic Disease was replaced with periodontitis as a manifestation of systemic diseases.

The disease category of Necrotizing Ulcerative Periodontitis was replaced With Necrotizing Periodontal Diseases. Abscesses of the periodontium, periodontitis associated with endodontic lesions and developmental or acquired deformities and conditions were added as new categories.⁵

Classification of Periodontal Diseases and Conditions(1999)¹⁰

(I) Gingival Diseases

Plaque-induced gingival diseases

Non—plaque-induced gingival lesions

(II) Chronic Periodontitis

Localized

Generalized

(III) Aggressive Periodontitis

Localized

Generalized

(IV) Periodontitis as a Manifestation of Systemic Diseases

(V) Necrotizing Periodontal Diseases

Necrotizing ulcerative gingivitis (NUG)

Necrotizing ulcerative periodontitis (NUP)

(VI) Abscesses of the Periodontium

Gingival abscess

Periodontal abscess

Pericoronal abscess

(VII) Periodontitis Associated with Endodontic Lesions

Endodontic-periodontal lesion

Periodontal-endodontic lesion

Combined lesion

(VIII) Developmental or Acquired Deformities and Conditions

Localized tooth-related factors that predispose to plaqueinduced gingival diseases or periodontitis

Mucogingival deformities and conditions around teeth Mucogingival deformities and conditions on edentulous ridges

Occlusal trauma

Other classification systems for periodontal diseases proposed by various authors are enlisted in Table 1.²⁰

Current classification system

The 1999 classification of periodontal diseases has provided a workable framework that has been used to classify periodontal diseases and conditions for the past 19 years in both clinical practice and scientific research. Since then new evidence emerging from population studies, basic science investigations, and prospective studies has made the revision of the present classification mandatory. Moreover, the 1999 classification had some short comings including overlap and lack of clear pathobiology based distinction between the disease categories, lack of a category for perimplant diseases and conditions, difficulties in clinical implementation, diagnostic imprecision and lack of definition for periodontal health and disease. ^{21,22} Classification systems should be viewed as flexible structures that allow based on current thinking and new modification knowledge.⁷

Van der Veldenin year 2000 proposed a new classification system based on nominalistic disease concept. This classification was based on extent, severity, age, and clinical characteristics.³ According to Armitage, this would be a return to the domination of the Clinical Characteristics paradigm that reigned from approximately 1870 to 1920 when we knew little about the nature of periodontal diseases.⁷

In 2017, the American Academy of Periodontology and the European Federation of Periodontology co-sponsored the World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions to update the 1999 classification system and address it's limitations (Table 2).²²

The objectives of 2017 world workshop were to revisit the current classification system, incorporate current knowledge relevant to its etiology and pathogenesis and propose a new classification framework along with case definitions.²²

Periodontal health and Gingival health

Periodontal health is defined as a state free from inflammatory periodontal disease that allows an individual to function normally and avoid consequences (mental or physical) due to current or past disease. ²³

Periodontal health should be based upon the absence of disease, as assessed clinically, associated with gingivitis, periodontitis, or other periodontal conditions. It may include patients who have had a history of successfully treated gingivitis or periodontitis, or other periodontal conditions, who are able to maintain their dentition free from inflammation (table 3). 23

A definition of periodontal health is critical to have a common reference point for assessing periodontal disease and determining meaningful treatment outcomes.²⁴

Four levels of periodontal health have been proposed depending on the state of the periodontium (structurally and clinically sound or reduced) and the relative treatment outcomes: (1) pristine periodontal health, with a structurally sound and uninflamed periodontium with normal support; (2) clinical periodontal health, with a structurally and clinically sound (intact) periodontium; (3) periodontal disease stability, with a reduced periodontium, and (4) periodontal disease remission/control,with a reduced periodontium.²⁴

The term pristine clinical health is characterized by no attachment loss, no bleeding on probing (BoP), no sulcular probing >3 mm and no redness, clinical swelling/edema, or pus. The term clinically healthy should refer to tissue that demonstrates an absence, or very low level, of clinical indicators of inflammation such as BoP and inflammatory markers in gingival crevicular fluid.²⁴

Gingival diseases and conditions

Gingivitis is characterized by signs and symptoms of inflammation confined to the gingiva without clinical attachment loss(CAL). ²³

There are two broad categories of gingival diseases:

- Dental plaque biofilm-induced gingivitis
- Non-dental plaque-induced gingival diseases

Dental plaque-induced gingivitis

Dental plaque-induced gingivitis may arise on an intact periodontium or on a reduced periodontium in either a non-periodontitis patient or in a currently stable periodontitis patient(Table 4). Gingivitis can be defined as mild, moderate and severe based on percentages (e.g. mild = < 10%, moderate = 10%-30%, severe = > 30% sites) or Grades (e.g. grade 1 to 5 in 20% quintiles for % sites bleeding on probing). It can further be defined as localized(10%-30% bleeding sites) and generalized(> 30% bleeding sites).²³

Dental plaque-induced gingivitis is classified as following: A. Associated with biofilm alone

- B. Mediated by either Systemic Risk Factors or Local Risk Factors
- i. Systemic Risk Factors (modifying factors)
- (a) Smoking, (b)Hyperglycemia, (c)Nutritional factors, (d)Pharmacological agents, (e) Sex steroids hormones (Puberty, menstrual cycle, pregnancy, oral contraceptives) (f) Hematological conditions .
- ii. Local Risk Factors (predisposing factors)
- (a) Dental plaque biofilm retaining factors(e.g.,prominent restoration margins)
- (b) Oral dryness
- C. Drug-influenced gingival enlargement

Non-dental plaque biofilm-induced.

Non-dental plaque biofilm-induced gingival diseases consist of a variety of conditions that are not caused by plaque and usually do not resolve following plaque removal. Such lesions may be

manifestations of a systemic disorder or may represent a lesion localized to the oral tissue.

Non-dental plaque biofilm-induced gingival diseases include the following²⁴:

- A. Genetic/developmental disorders
- B. Specific infections
- C. Inflammatory and immune conditions
- D. Reactive processes
- E. Neoplasms
- F. Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
- G. Traumatic lesions
- H. Gingival pigmentation

Classification of Periodontitis

Based on current knowledge on pathophysiology, periodontitis is categorized into three forms: periodontitis, necrotizing periodontitis and periodontitis as a manifestation of systemic disease.²⁴

Differential diagnosis is based on history and the specific signs and symptoms of necrotizing periodontitis and the presence or absence of an uncommon systemic disease that definitively alters the host immune response.²⁴

Periodontitis

The diseases previously recognized as "chronic" or "aggressive" are now grouped under a single category periodontitis.²⁴ Periodontitis is characterized by microbially-associated, host-mediated inflammation that results in the destruction of supporting structures of the teeth.²⁵

A patient is diagnosed as a periodontitis case in clinical practice if:

- **1.** Interdental CAL is detectable at ≥ 2 non-adjacent teeth, or
- **2.** Buccal or oral CAL \geq 3 mm with pocketing >3 mm is detectable at \geq 2 teeth and the observed CAL cannot be ascribed to non-periodontal causes. ²⁵

Periodontitis is further characterized based on a multidimensional staging and grading system.

Staging is largely dependent upon the severity of disease at presentation as well as on the complexity of disease management and involves four categories (stages 1 through 4)(Table 5).²⁴

Grading provides information about the rate of disease progression, assessment of the risk for further progression, anticipated poor outcomes of treatment, and assessment of the risk that the disease or its treatment may negatively affect the general health of the patient. Grading includes three levels (grade A – low risk, grade B – moderate risk, grade C – high risk for progression) (Table 6). ^{24,25}

Necrotizing periodontitis

Necrotizing periodontitis is categorized as a separate disease entity based on evidence from: i) a distinct pathophysiology characterized by prominent bacterial invasion and ulceration of epithelium; ii) rapid and full thickness destruction of the marginal soft tissue resulting in characteristic soft and hard tissue defects; iii) prominent symptoms; and iv) rapid resolution in response to specific antimicrobial treatment.²⁵ Clinical features of Necrotizing periodontitis include history of pain, presence of ulceration of the gingival margin and/or fibrin deposits at sites with loss of gingival papillae, and, in some cases, denudation of the marginal alveolar bone.²⁵

In the new classification Necrotizing periodontitis is categorized under Necrotizing periodontal diseases(NPD) which are a group of conditions that share a common characteristic of necrosis of the gingival or periodontal tissues. NPD include Necrotizing gingivitis(NG), Necrotizing periodontitis(NP) and Necrotizing stomatitis(NS)(Table 7).²⁶

NPD are bacterial infections associated with compromised host immune response. Studies have suggested that NG and NP may represent different stages of the same disease and may even progress to more severe forms such as necrotizing stomatitis (NS) and noma.²⁷

Periodontitis as a manifestation of systemic disease

Systemic disease is defined as a disease that affects multiple organs or tissues or that affects the body as a whole.²⁸

The new classification of periodontal diseases and conditions also includes systemic disorders and certain medications that affect the periodontal supporting tissues and that the primary diagnosis should be the systemic

disease according to International Statistical Classification of Disease (ICD). 22,25

These systemic disorders affecting the periodontal attachment apparatus include:

Rare systemic diseases that affect the course of periodontitis (e.g., Papillon Lefevre Syndrome, leucocyte adhesion deficiency, and hypophosphatasia) and have a major impact resulting in the early presentation of severe periodontitis. These conditions are grouped as "Periodontitis Manifestation Systemic as of Disease", and classification should be based on the primary systemic disease(Table 8).^{22,29}

These diseases and conditions include genetic disorders that affect the host immune response or affect the connective tissues, metabolic and endocrine disorders, and inflammatory conditions.²⁹

1b. Common systemic disorders that affect the course of periodontitis (e.g., diabetes mellitus) resulting in increased occurrence and severity.

Periodontitis associated with Diabetes is not a distinct disease, but diabetes should be considered as an important modifying factor of periodontitis, and is included in a clinical diagnosis of periodontitis as a descriptor.²⁹

2. Systemic diseases that affect the periodontal supporting tissues independently of dental plaque biofilm induced inflammation and are categorized separately in the new classification system as Systemic Diseases or Conditions Affecting the Periodontal Supporting Tissues (e.g., squamous cell carcinoma, Langerhans cell histiocytosis). ^{22,28}

Other conditions affecting the periodontium Systemic Diseases or Conditions Affecting the Periodontal Supporting Tissues:

Systemic diseases that affect the periodontal supporting tissues independently of dental plaque biofilm induced inflammation (e.g., squamous cell carcinoma, Langerhans cell histiocytosis) resulting in breakdown of periodontal tissues are grouped as "Systemic Diseases or Conditions Affecting the Periodontal Supporting Tissues". ^{22,29} The majority of these lesions arise from the deeper periodontal tissue and are diagnosed by biopsy and histopathologic examination. Systemic diseases under this category include Neoplasms and Other disorders that may affect periodontal tissue(table 8). ²⁸

Periodontal abscesses(PA)

Periodontal abscesses are acute periodontal lesions characterised by an ovoid swelling in the gingiva along the lateral part of the root, BOP, pain and increased tooth mobility.

A periodontal abscess may develop in a pre-existing periodontal pocket or at a previously periodontally healthy commonly associated with a history of impaction or harmful habits (Table 9).²⁷

Periodontal abscesses (PA) are common dental emergencies requiring prompt treatment and they can cause rapid tissue destruction with a negative impact on the prognosis of the affected tooth.Depending upon the etiological factors different abscesses may occur in in the periodontal tissues, such as pulp necrosis (endodontic, periapical or dentoalveolar abscesses), periodontal infections (gingival or periodontal abscess), pericoronitis (pericoronal abscess), trauma, surgery, or foreign body impaction.²⁷

Endodontic-Periodontal lesions (EPL)

EPL are clinical conditions defined by a pathological communication between the pulpal and periodontal tissues at a given tooth involving both the pulp and may occur in acute or chronic forms. ²⁷ The primary etiology of these lesions might be associated with endodontic and/or periodontal infections or trauma and/or iatrogenic factors. The most common signs and symptoms associated with a tooth affected by an EPL are deep periodontal pockets reaching or close to the apex,negative or altered response to pulp vitality tests, bone resorption in the apical or furcation region, spontaneous pain or pain on palpation and percussion, purulent exudate, tooth mobility, sinus tract, crown, and gingival color alterations. These conditions severely compromise the prognosis of the tooth and require multidisciplinary evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment.²⁷

EPLs are classified according to signs and symptoms that have direct impact on their prognosis and treatment, such as presence or absence of fractures and perforations, and presence or absence of periodontitis(Table 10).²⁷

Mucogingival deformities and conditions around teethNormal mucogingival condition is defined as the absence of pathosis like gingival recession, gingivitis and periodontitis.²⁹

Mucogingival defects are a group of conditions that affect a large number of patients particularly adults(Table 11). Amongst Mucogingival deformities lack of keratinized tissue and gingival recession are the most common and occur in patients with both high and low standards of oral hygiene . 30

Gingival recession is defined as an apical shift of the gingival margin caused by

different conditions/pathologies and is associated with hypersensitivity, the development of root surface alterations in the form of caries and noncarious cervical lesions and impaired esthetics.²⁹

In the 2017 classification system periodontal biotype is replaced with periodontal phenotype to describe the combination of gingival phenotype (three-dimensional gingival volume) and the thickness of the buccal bone plate (bone morphotype).²⁹ A new treatment-oriented classification of recession proposed by Cairo et al.

categorizes recession into three types based on interdental CAL:

- Recession Type 1 (RT1): Gingival recession with no loss of interproximal attachment. Interproximal CEJ is clinically not detectable at both mesial and distal aspects of the tooth.
- Recession Type 2 (RT2): Gingival recession associated with loss of interproximal attachment. The amount of interproximal attachment loss is less than or equal to the buccal attachment loss.
- Recession Type 3 (RT3): Gingival recession associated with loss of interproximal attachment. The amount of interproximal attachment loss is greater than the buccal attachment loss.²⁹

Although a lack of keratinized tissue is considered to be a predisposing factor for the development of gingival recessions and inflammation, optimal oral hygiene prevents attachment loss even with minimal amounts of keratinized tissue. However, patients with thin periodontal biotypes, suboptimal oral hygiene, and requiring restorative/ orthodontic treatment are more prone to gingival recession. ³⁰

Mucogingival diagnoses include:

- a) Mucogingival condition with gingival recessions
- b) Mucogingival condition without gingival recessions²⁹

Traumatic occlusal forces

The term Excessive occlusal force is renamed as traumatic occlusal force and is defined as any occlusal force resulting in injury of the teeth and/or the periodontal attachment apparatus. The presence of traumatic occlusal forces may be indicated by one or more of the following: fremitus, tooth mobility, thermal sensitivity, excessive occlusal wear, tooth migration, discomfort/pain on chewing, fractured teeth, radiographically widened periodontal ligament space, root resorption, and hypercementosis.²⁹

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Occlusal trauma is a term used to describe the injury to the periodontal attachment apparatus caused by traumatic occlusal forces.

Primary occlusal trauma is injury resulting in tissue changes from traumatic occlusal forces applied to a tooth or teeth with normal periodontal support.

Secondary occlusal trauma is injury resulting in tissue changes from normal or traumatic occlusal forces applied to a tooth or teeth with reduced support(Table 12).²⁹

Since occlusal trauma is a histologic term, its clinical diagnosis is made by various clinical and radiographic indicators (Table13).³¹

Evidence from animal and human studies indicate that traumatic occlusal force do not initiate periodontitis or alters it's progression. There is no evidence that traumatic occlusal forces cause non-carious cervical lesions or gingival recession. ^{29,31}

Evidence from various studies indicate that certain orthodontic forces can adversely affect the periodontium and result in root resorption, pulpal disorders, gingival recession and alveolar bone loss while as good plaque control in teeth with a reduced but healthy periodontium can undergo successful tooth movement without compromising the periodontal support.²⁹

Prostheses and tooth-related factors that modify or predispose to plaque-induced gingival diseases/periodontitis

Several conditions associated with fabrication and presence of dental prostheses³² and tooth-related factors may predispose to diseases of the periodontium (table 14).²⁹

Placement of restoration margins within the supracrestal attachment(bologic width), hypersensitivity reactions to the prosthesis dental material.procedures adopted for the fabrication of dental restorations and fixed prostheses and tooth related factors like cervical enamel projections, enamel pearls, developmental grooves, tooth root fractures. root resorption, fractures. malposition, root proximity and open contacts may predispose to the initiation and progression of gingivitis and periodontitis especially in patients with poor plaque control and those who do not attend periodic maintenance appointments.32

Abnormal dentoalveolar relationships associated with altered passive tooth eruption may be clinically associated with the formation of pseudopockets and esthetic concerns.²⁹

Peri-implant diseases and conditions

Osseointegrated dental implants are a well known therapeutic modality for the replacement of absent or lost teeth. Functional implants and their restorations may be subject to mechanical and biological complications. Biological complications associated with dental implants are mostly inflammatory conditions induced by the accumulation of bacterial biofilm and include perimplant mucositis and peri-implantitis.³³

The 2017 world workshop developed a new category for peri-implant health,peri-implant mucositis, peri-implantitis and relevant aspects of implant site conditions and deformities so that the clinician may assign a proper diagnosis and select a proper treatment modality in cases where disease is present. ^{22,33,34}

Peri-implant health

Peri-implant tissues include both soft and hard tissues that occur around Osseo integrated dental implants. Knowledge of the characteristics of healthy peri-implant tissues is important for the recognition of disease.³⁵ The healthy peri-implant mucosa is characterized by absence of clinical signs of inflammation (i.e. erythema and

swelling) including lack of bleeding on probing and absence of further bone loss following initial healing. Peri-implant health can exist around implants with normal or reduced bone support. However, probing depths could vary depending on the height of the soft tissue at the implant location and should be $\leq 5.0 \, \mathrm{mm}$.

Peri-implant mucositis

Peri-implant mucositis is an inflammatory lesion of the soft tissues surrounding an endosseous implant in the absence of loss of supporting bone characterized by signs of inflammation such as redness, swelling, line or drop of bleeding within 30 seconds following probing and suppuration. Peri-implant mucositis is the precursor of peri-implantitis and is primarily caused by biofilm accumulation at the implant–mucosa interface. Peri-implant mucositis a reversible condition and complete resolution of the lesion occurs upon institution of biofilm removal measures. ^{33,36}

Peri-implantitis

Peri-implantitis is a plaque-associated pathological condition characterized by inflammation in the connective tissue around dental implants and progressive loss of supporting bone. BOP with or without suppuration, increased probing depths compared to baseline measurements and progressive bone loss identified on radiographs represents peri-implantitis. The absence of initial radiographs and probing depths, peri-implantitis is diagnosed by radiographic evidence of bone level ≥ 3 mm and/or probing depths ≥ 6 mm in conjunction with profuse bleeding. **patients** Patients diagnosed with peri-implant mucositis may develop peri-implantitis, especially in the absence of regular maintenance care.

Risk factors/imdicators of peri-implantitis include a history of chronic periodontitis, poor plaque control measures, and lack of regular maintenance care after implant therapy.³⁷

Hard and soft tissue implant site deficiencies

Diminished dimensions of the alveolar process/ridge and soft tissue as a result of normal healing following tooth loss leads to hard and soft-tissue deficiencies at implant sites. ^{22,38}Tissue deficiencies at implant sites may occur from a number of reasons including natural resorption processes following tooth extraction, trauma, infectious diseases such as periodontitis, peri-implantitis, endodontic infections, growth and development, expansion of the sinus floor, anatomical preconditions, mechanical overload, thin soft tissues, lack of keratinized mucosa,

Mal positioning of implants, migration of teeth, lifelong growth, and systemic diseases. Tissue deficiencies around implants can lead to various complications and compromise implant survival. Knowledge of the etiology of hard and soft-tissue deficiencies is necessary to develop appropriate therapeutic measures with the aim of improving clinical outcomes of implant therapy.³⁸

Conclusion

- 1. Periodontal diseases are among the most common diseases affecting the mankind. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment. Is essential for successful management of periodontal diseases. Classification systems have been developed to facilitate diagnosis and treatment of periodontal diseases as well as to provide a framework for studying disease prevalence, natural history, etiology and pathogenesis. Moreover a classification system provides a common international language for communication amongst clinicians, patients and researchers. Over the past hundred years many classification systems for periodontal diseases have been proposed and updated to keep pace with the advances in knowledge derived from scientific research. The classification should be considered as a flexible system to be regularly updated as new knowledge about the disease emerges. The 1999 Classification of Periodontal Disease and Conditions has been used for the past 17 years in clinical practice and scientific research. However 1999 classification had it's shortcomings like implementation difficulties, lack of clear diagnostic criteria and overlap between disease categories. Since then emergence of new and better understanding of the knowledge periodontal disease led to the revision of the 1999 classification systems in 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions co-sponsored by the American Academy of Periodontology and the European Federation of Periodontology.Several important changes have been made recategorization of the three forms of periodontitis, introduction of staging and grading system to designate disease severity and susceptibility and a new category for peri-implant diseases and conditions. The staging and grading system helps to visualize the past disease experience, current status and risk of future disease progression.Clear definitions of periodontal health and disease have been provided and a new classification for gingival recession has been introduced.
- 2. The New Classification system has been developed by an international group of experts and will be adopted by students, clinicians and scientists throughout the world.

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Legend Tables

Table 1: Classification systems for periodontal diseases proposed by various authors.²⁰

| rable 1. Classification systems for periodontal diseases proposed by various authors. |
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| Kantorowicz1924 |
| McCall and Box1925 |
| Simonton1927 |
| Haupl and Lang1927 |
| Jaccard1930/1933 |
| Roy1935 |
| Robinson1935 |
| Weski1937 |
| Isadore Weinmann1934-1957 |
| Thoma and Goldman1937 |
| Fish1944/1952 |
| Hine and Hine1944 |
| Hulin1949 |
| Held1949 |
| Pucci1950 |
| Lyons1951 |
| Miller1950 |
| Kerr1951 |
| Goldman1956 |
| McCall1956 |
| Robinson1959 |
| Carranza1959 |
| Ray1962 |
| Glickman1964 |
| Drum1975 |
| Table 2: Classification of Pariodontal and Pari Implant Discusses and Conditions 2017 |

| | | | Periodontal Disc | eases and Condit | tions | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | l Health,Gingiv es and Conditio | | Peri | odontitis | | Other (| Conditions Affe | cting the Periodon | tium | |
| Periodontal Health and Gingival Health | Gingivitis: Dental Biofilm- Induced | Gingival Diseases: Non- Dental Biofilm- Induced | Necrotizing Periodonal Diseases | Periodontitis | Periodontitis as a Manifestation of Systemic Disease | Systemic Diseases or Conditions Affecting the Periodontal- Supporting Tissues | Periodontal Abscesses and Endodontic - Periodontal Lesions | Mucogingival Deformities and Conditions | Traumatic Occlusal Forces | Tooth and Prosthesis Related Factors |
| | 1 | | Peri-Impla | ant Diseases and | Conditions | l | l | | | |
| Peri-Implant | Health | | Peri-Implant M | ucositis | | Peri-Implanti | tis | | plant and Hard Deficiencies | |

Table 3: Periodontal Health²³

| tuble 5.1 enodonai neam | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Intact periodontium | Reduced periodontium: | Reduced periodontium: Successfully treated Stable- periodontitis patient | | |
| | Non- periodontitis patient | | | |
| Probing attachment loss No | Probing attachment loss Yes | Probing attachment loss Yes | | |
| Bleeding on probing <10% | Bleeding on probing <10% | Bleeding on probing <10% | | |
| Probing pocket depths ≤3 mm | Probing pocket depths ≤3 mm (all sites and | Probing pocket depths ≤ 4 mm(no site ≥ 4 mm with BOP (all sites and | | |
| (assuming no pseudo pockets) | assuming no pseudo pockets) | assuming no pseudo pockets) | | |
| Radiological bone loss No | Radiological bone loss Possible | Radiological bone loss Yes | | |

Table 4: Dental plaque-induced Gingivitis²³

| intact periodontium | Reduced periodontium: | Reduced periodontium: Successfully treated Stable- periodontitis |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | Non- periodontitis patient | patient |
| Probing attachment loss No | Probing attachment loss Yes | Probing attachment loss Yes |
| Bleeding on probing Yes(≥10%) | Bleeding on probing <10% | Bleeding on probing <10% |
| Probing pocket depths ≤3 mm (assuming | Probing pocket depths ≤3 mm | Probing pocket depths ≤3 mm |
| no pseudo pockets) | (all sites and assuming no pseudo pockets) | (all sites and assuming no pseudo pockets) |
| Radiological bone loss No | Radiological bone loss Possible | Radiological bone loss Yes |

Table 5: Periodontitis stage²⁵

| Periodontitis stage | | Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 | Stage 4 |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| Severity | Interdental CAL at site of greatest loss | 1-2 mm | 3-4 mm | ≥5 mm | ≥5 mm |
| | Radiographic bone loss | Coronal third (<15%) | Coronal third (15%-33%) | Extending to middle or apical third of the root | Extending to middle or apical third of the root |
| | Tooth loss | No tooth loss due to per | iodontitis | Tooth loss due to periodontitis of ≤4 | Tooth loss due to periodontitis of ≥5 |
| Complexity | Local | Maximum probing depth ≤4 mm Mostly horizontal bone loss | Maximum probing depth ≤5 mm Mostly horizontal bone loss | In addition to stage II complexity: - Probing depth ≥6 mm - Vertical bone loss ≤3 mm - Furcation involvement Class II or III - Moderate ridge defect | In addition to stage III complexity: Need for complex rehabilitation due to: − Masticatory dysfunction − Secondary occlusal trauma (tooth mobility degree ≥2) − Severe ridge defect − Bite collapse, drifting, flaring − Less than 20 remaining teeth (10 opposing pairs) |
| Extent and distribution | Add to stage as descriptor | For each stage, describe extent as localized (<30% of teeth involved), generalized, or molar/incisor pattern | | | or molar/incisor pattern |

Table 6: Periodontitis grade²⁵

| Periodontitis grade | | | Grade A: Slow rate of progression | Grade B: Moderate rate of progression | Grade C: Rapid rate of progression |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Primary criteria | Direct evidence of progression | Longitudinal data (Radiographic bone loss or CAL) | Evidence of no loss over 5 years | <pre><2 mm over 5 years</pre> | ≥2 mm over 5 years |
| | Indirect evidence of progression | % bone loss/age Case phenotype | <0.25 Heavy biofilm deposits with low levels of destruction | 0.25 to 1.0 Destruction commensurate with biofilm deposits | >1.0 Destruction exceeds expectation given biofilm deposits; specific clinical patterns suggestive of periods of rapid progression and/or early onset disease (e.g., molar/ incisor pattern; lack of expected response to standard bacterial control therapies) |
| | Risk factors | Smoking | Non-smoker | Smoker <10 cigarettes/day | Smoker ≥10 cigarettes/day |
| Grade modifiers | | Diabetes | Normoglycemic/no diagnosis of diabetes | HbAlc <7.0% in patients with diabetes | HbAlc ≥7.0% in patients with diabetes |
| Risk of systemic impact of periodontitis | Inflammatory burden | High sensitivity CRP (hsCRP) | <1mg/L | 1 to 3 mg/L | >3 mg/L |
| Biomarkers | Indicators of CAL/bone loss | Saliva, gingival crevicular fluid,serum | | | |

Table 7: Classification of necrotizing periodontal diseases (NPD)²⁶

| Category | Patients | Predisposing conditions | Clinical condition |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| Necrotizing periodontal diseases | In adults | HIV+/AIDS with CD4 | |
| in chronically, severely | | counts < 200 and detectable viral load | |
| compromised patients | | Other severe systemic conditions(immunosuppression) | |
| | In children | Severe malnourishments | |
| | | Extreme living conditions | NG, NP, NS, Noma. Possibleprogression |
| | | Severe (viral) infections | |
| Necrotizing periodotal diseases | In gingivitis patients | Uncontrolled factors: stress, nutrition, smoking, habits | Generalized NG. Possibleprogression to NP |
| in temporarily and/or | | Previous NPD: residual craters | |
| moderately compromised | | Local factors: root proximity, toothmalposition | Localized NG. Possibleprogression to NP |
| patients | | Common predisposing factors forNPD | NG. Infrequent progression |
| | In periodontitis patients | | ر |
| | _ | | NP. Infrequent progression |

Table 8: Classification of systemic diseases and conditions that affect the periodontal supporting tissues.²⁹

| | ssification of systemic diseases and conditions that affect the periodontal supporting tissue | |
|----------------|---|---------------------------|
| Classification | Disorders | ICD-10 code |
| 1.1 | Systemic disorders that have a major impact on the loss of periodontal tissues by influencing periodontal inflammation Genetic disorders | |
| 1.1.1 | Diseases associated with immunologic disorders | |
| 1.1.1 | Down syndrome | O90.9 |
| | Leukocyte adhesion deficiency syndromes | D72.0 |
| | Papillon-Lefèvre syndrome | 082.8 |
| | Haim-Munk syndrome | Q82.8 |
| | Chediak-Higashi syndrome | E70.3 |
| | Severe neutropenia | E70.3 |
| | - Congenital neutropenia (Kostmann syndrome) | D70.0 |
| | - Cyclic neutropenia | D70.4 |
| | Primary immunodeficiency diseases | D70.4 |
| | -Chronic granulomatous disease | D71.0 |
| | -Cirolic granufoliatous disease | D/1.0 |
| | - Hyperimmunoglobulin Esyndromes | D82.9 |
| | Cohen syndrome | 087.8 |
| 1.1.2. | Diseases affecting the oral mucosa and gingival tissue | 207.0 |
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| | Epidermolysis bullosa | |
| | - Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa | Q81.2 |
| | - Kindler syndrome | Q81.8 |
| | Plasminogen deficiency | D68.2 |
| | | |
| 1.1.3 | Diseases affecting the connective tissues | |
| | Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (types IV,VIII) | Q79.6 |
| | Angioedema (C1-inhibitor deficiency) | D84.1 |
| | Systemic lupus erythematosus | M32.9 |
| 1.1.4 | Metabolic and endocrine disorders | |
| | Glycogen storage disease | E74.0 |
| | Gaucher disease | E75.2 |
| | Hypophosphatasia | E83.30 |
| | Hypophosphatemic rickets | E83.31 |
| | Hajdu-Cheney syndrome | Q78.8 |
| 1.2 | Acquired immunodeficiency diseases | |
| | Acquired neutropenia | D70.9 |
| | HIV infection | B24 |
| 1.3 | Inflammatory diseases | |
| | Epidermolysis bullosa acquisita | L12.3 |
| | Inflammatory bowel disease | K50, K51.9,K52.9 |
| | | K30, K31.9,K32.9 |
| 2 | Other systemic disorders that influence the pathogenesis of periodontal diseases | F10 (c. 1) F11 (c. 2) |
| | Diabetes mellitus | E10 (type1), E11 (type 2) |
| | Obesity | E66.9 |
| | Osteoporosis | M81.9 |
| | Arthritis (rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis) | M05, M06, M15-M19 |
| | Emotional stress and depression | F32.9 |
| | Smoking (nicotine dependence) | F17 |
| | Medications | 11/ |
| 3 | Systemic disorders that can result in loss of periodontal tissues independent of periodontitis | |
| 3.1 | Neoplasms | |
| 3.1 | Primary neoplastic diseases of the | |
| | periodontal tissues | |
| | - Oral squamous cell carcinoma | C03.0 – 1 |
| | - Odontogenic tumors | D48.0 |
| | - Other primary neoplasms of the | C41.0 |
| | periodontal tissues | |
| | Secondary metastatic neoplasms of the periodontal tissues | C06.8 |
| 3.2 | Other disorders that may affect | |
| 5.5 | the periodontal tissues | |
| | Granulomatosis with polyangiitis | M31.3 |
| | Langerhans cell histiocytosis | C96.6 |
| | Giant cell granulomas | K10.1 |
| | Hyperparathyroidism | E21.0 |
| | Systemic sclerosis (scleroderma) | M34.9 |
| | | |
| | Vanishing bone disease (Gorham- | M34.9 M89.5 |

Table 9: Classification of periodontal abscesses based on the etiologic factors involved

| Periodontal abscess in periodontitis patients (in a pre-existing periodontal pocket) | Acute exacerbation | Untreated periodontitis Non-responsive to therapy periodontitis Supportive periodontal therapy | |
|---|---------------------|--|--|
| | After treatment | Post scaling | |
| | | Post surgery | |
| | | Post-medication | Systemic antimicrobials |
| | | | Other drugs: nifedipine |
| Periodontal abscess in | impaction | | Dental floss, orthodontic elastic, |
| non-periodontitis patients | | | toothpick, rubber dam, or popcorn hulls |
| (not mandatory to have a | Harmful habits | | Wire or nail biting and clenching |
| pre-existing periodontal | Orthodontic factors | | Orthodontic forces or a cross-bite |
| pocket) | Gingival overgrowth | | |
| | Alteration of root | Severe anatomic alterations | Invaginated tooth, dens evaginatus or odontodysplasia |
| | surface | Minor anatomic alterations | Cemental tears, enamel pearls or developmental grooves |
| | | Iatrogenic conditions | Perforations |
| | | Severe root damage | Fissure or fracture, cracked tooth syndrome |
| | | External root resorption | |

TABLE 10. Classification of endo-periodontal lesions²⁷

| 1 | esion with | Root fracture or cracking | | | |
|------------------|------------|--|---|--|--|
| root damage | | Root canal or pulp chamber perforation | | | |
| damage | | External root resorption | | | |
| Endo-periodontal | lesion | Endo-periodontal lesion in periodontitis | Grade 1 – narrow deep periodontal pocket in 1 tooth surface | | |
| without | | patients | Grade 2 – wide deep periodontal pocket in 1 tooth surface | | |
| root damage | | | Grade 3 – deep periodontal pockets in > 1 tooth surface | | |
| | | Endo-periodontal lesion in non- | Grade 1 – narrow deep periodontal pocket in 1 tooth surface | | |
| | | periodontitis patients | Grade 2 – wide deep periodontal pocket in 1 tooth surface | | |
| | | | Grade 3 – deep periodontal pockets in > 1 tooth surface | | |

Table 11: Mucogingival deformities and conditions around teeth³⁰

- 1.Periodontal biotype
 - a. thin scalloped
- b.thick scalloped
- c.thick flat
- $2.\ gingival/soft\ tissue\ recession$
 - a. facial or lingual surfaces
 - b. interproximal (papillary)
 - c. severity of recession(Cairo RT 1,2,3)
 - d. gingival thickness
 - e. gingival width
 - f. presence of NCCL/cervical caries
 - g.patient aesthetic concern(Smile Esthetic Index)
 - h. presence of hypersensitivity
- 3. lack of keratinized gingiva
- 4. decreased vestibular depth
- 5. aberrant frenum/muscle position
- 6. gingival excess
 - a. pseudo-pocket
 - b. inconsistent gingival margin
 - c. excessive gingival display
 - d. gingival enlargement
- 7. abnormal color

Table 12: Classification of traumatic occlusal forces on the periodontium²⁹

- 1. Occlusal trauma
- A. Primary occlusal trauma
- B. Secondary occlusal trauma
- C. Orthodontic forces

Table 13: Proposed clinical and radiographic indicators of occlusal trauma

| 1. Fremitus | 7. Thermal sensitivity |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2. Mobility | 8. Discomfort/pain on chewing |
| 3. Occlusal discrepancies | 9. Widened periodontal ligament space |
| 4. Wear facets | 10. Root resorption |
| 5. Tooth migration | 11. Cemental tear |
| 6. Fractured tooth | |

Table 14: Classification of factors related to teeth and to dental prostheses that can affect the periodontium

- A. Localized tooth-related factors that modify or predispose to plaque-induced gingival diseases/periodontitis
- 1. Tooth anatomic factors
- 2. Root fractures
- 3. Cervical root resorption, cemental tears
- 4. Root proximity
- 5. Altered passive eruption
- B. Localized dental prosthesis-related factors
- 1. Restoration margins placed within the supracrestal attached tissues
- 2. Clinical procedures related to the fabrication of indirectrestorations
- 3. Hypersensitivity/toxicity reactions to dental materials