

## Periodontal Disease Classifications A review of the new system

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In 2017, at the conclusion of a meeting jointly sponsored by the European Federation of Periodontology and the American Academy of Periodontology, new classifications for periodontal & peri-implant diseases and conditions were presented. Consensus was reached, agreeing that this was a major advance for our patients, periodontists, dentists, hygienists, and other health care providers.

The new classification for periodontal diseases represents a significant and positive shift in our thinking. It allows us to better appreciate the individual patient and manage each with the appropriate risk management approach. It also enables improved communication with our referring colleagues and patients. It is structured in a way that allows for adaptation over time and on a global scale.

In this presentation the rationale for the changes will be discussed and clinical case presentations will be used to demonstrate how staging of the disease captures the full-mouth multi-dimensionality of periodontitis and grading of the disease incorporates the whole-body concept of periodontitis as a disease affected by systemic factors and conversely causing systemic effects. This is the first time all these dynamics have been captured in a single diagnostic system for periodontitis and interrelated diseases and is a very exciting development in periodontology.