



Periodontal-Systemic Links: The Case for Early Intervention of Periodontal Disease

- Are you underdiagnosing or waiting too long to diagnose periodontal disease?
- What can you say to patients about periodontal-systemic links that is grounded in scientific evidence?
- How do you increase your patients' acceptance of periodontal treatment?

In the past quarter-century, there have been major advances in understanding the role of periodontal infection and inflammation in the risk for systemic diseases, including coronary artery disease and stroke, diabetes, adverse pregnancy outcomes, and pneumonia, among others.

This course explores the significance of periodontal infection in increasing systemic inflammation, and provides overviews of the biological mechanisms that link periodontal disease to a constellation of inflammatory driven diseases and conditions. This body of evidence provides a compelling case for early intervention of periodontal disease.

Casey also suggests a number of hurdles and conditioned assumptions that hijack diagnosis of periodontal disease and patient acceptance of proposed treatment, with recommendations on how to overcome these challenges.



LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Explain the biological mechanisms implicated in the inflammatory pathway linking periodontal disease to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, complications of pregnancy, pneumonia and other links under investigation
- Identify patients in the earliest stages of periodontal disease
- Identify the hurdles and conditioned assumptions that hijack the diagnosis of periodontal disease

Suggested Audience: Dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, business staff

Suggested Length: 3 hours



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