



## THE NEW PERIODONTAL & PERI-IMPLANT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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It is now estimated that over half of the North American population suffers from some degree of periodontal disease. In fact, this number is considered a gross underestimation of the true prevalence as it represents patients who actually see dentists for care. Such staggering numbers point to the importance of the dental team's role in one's oral and overall health. Now more than ever it is the responsibility of not only the dentist but also hygienists and auxiliary staff to properly identify and establish accurate diagnosis of the various periodontal conditions that exist in our practices to ensure supervised neglect is not occurring.

Recently, a new classification system has been implemented across the dental field which has changed the foundation by which we diagnose our patients in an effort to improve communication within the dental team and elevate patient care/outcomes. With periodontal disease control and maintenance programs being considered the cornerstone of successful dental practice, it is a must that any provider involved in patient interaction be up to date on these pertinent changes.

This comprehensive lecture will review the important updates of the new classification system and distill the information into a user-friendly fashion to aid in creation of a diagnosis and coincident treatment algorithms.

### EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- Recognize the need for a new classification system for periodontal and peri-implant disease
- Understand the key differences between the old and new classifications
- Explain the classification system for periodontal and peri-implant disease and related conditions
- Identify and classify periodontal disease by utilizing the new staging and grading system
- Master the overlying rules which result in quick and accurate diagnosis creation
- Review case examples to aid in diagnosis formulation
- Apply the new periodontal and peri-implant disease classification system to clinical practice to improve patient care

### CLINICIAN



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