

# **DENTAL PLAQUE AS A BIOFILM**

## **THE POSSIBILITIES OF CHEMICAL PLAQUE CONTROL**



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ARE BACTERIA** (Henderson 1998)



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# **PERIODONTAL DISEASE IS A POLYMICROBIAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

**BENEFICIAL COMMENSAL AND PATHOGENIC  
BACTERIA PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE  
PATHOGENESIS OF PERIODONTAL DISEASE**



# DENTAL PLAQUE: BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF A BIOFILM AND COMMUNITY LIFE-STYLE

- Most microorganisms in nature attach to surfaces and form matrix-embedded biofilms.
- Biofilms are highly structured and spatially organized, and are often composed of consortia of interacting microorganisms,
- The properties of microbial communities, are more than the sum of the component species

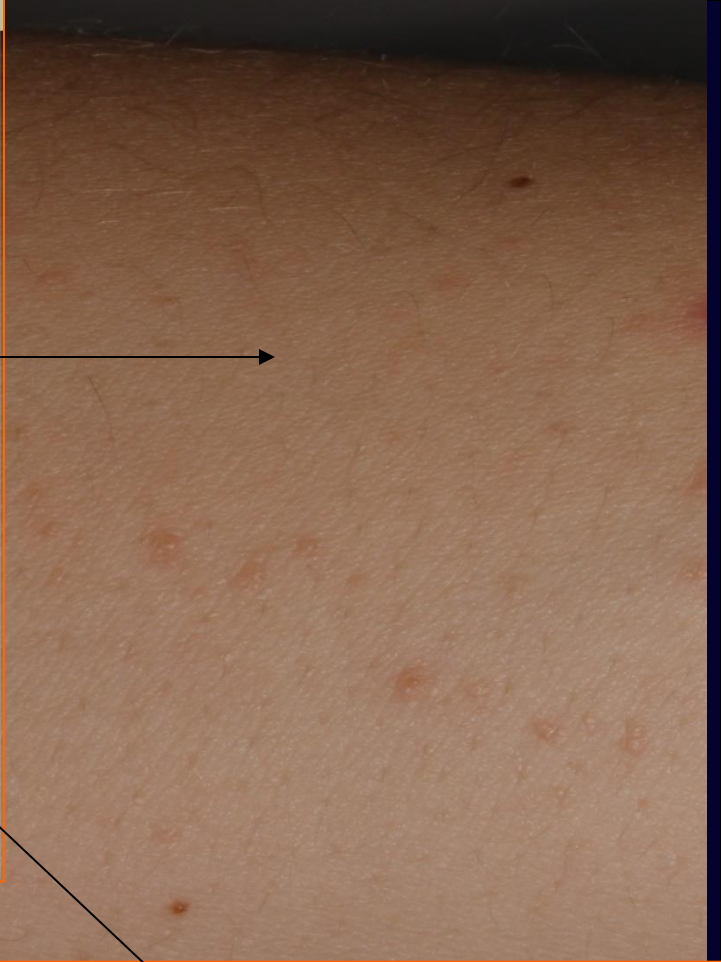
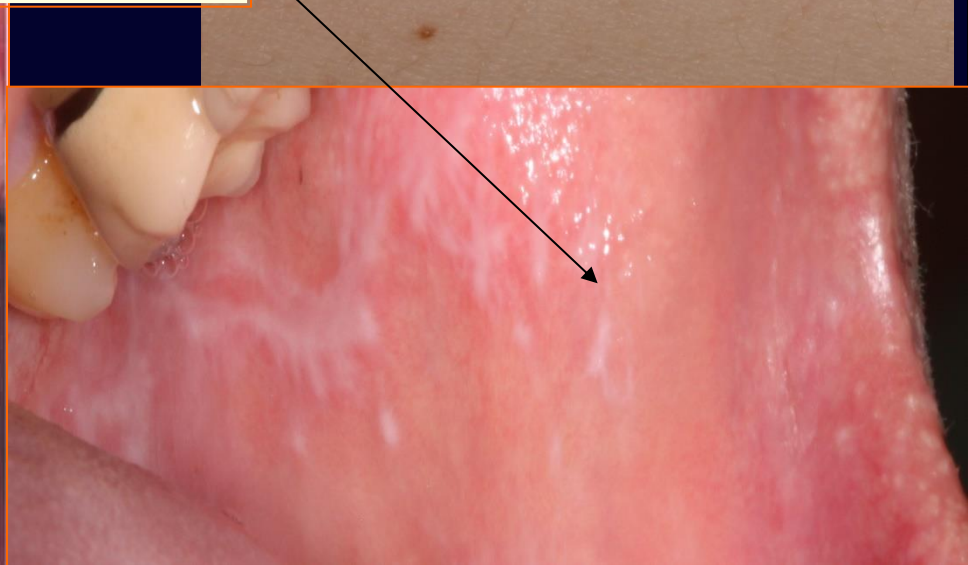




# PLAQUE FORMATION

The organism enharbour many billions of bacteria on its surfaces. Nevertheless the desquamation of the epithelial cells anticipates the long lasting bacterial coexistence in the body.

In the oral cavity the non shedding surfaces, like enamel, root cementum, restorations can promote permanent, long lasting bacterial adhesion and survival on the surfaces.



# PLAQUE FORMATION

Löe - experimental gingivitis model (1965), proved that plaque accumulation can lead to gingivitis, and its removal can reverse the disease.

Similarly experimentally was proven that plaque accumulation can cause peri-implantitis (Pontoriero 1994).



*Pontoriero R, Tonelli MP, Carnevale G, Mombelli A, Nyman SR Land NP. Experimentally induced periimplant mucositis. A clinical study in humans. Clinical Oral Implants Research 5 254-259. 1994.*

**Plaque is natural and exists in harmony with the host in health.**

**Maintenance of health depends on the balance of the homeostatic relationship between the bacterial challenge and the host response.**



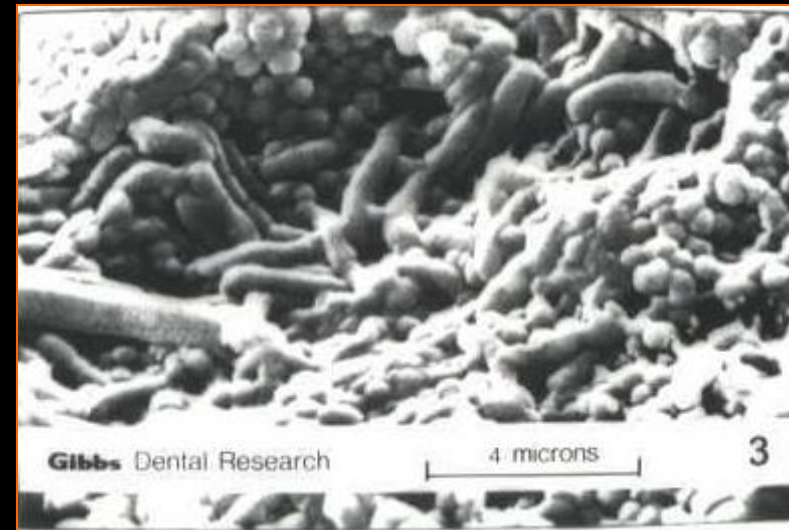
# **BACTERIAL BIOFILM**

**IS MADE UP OF**

**„FRIENDLY COMMENSAL BACTERIA**

**AND HOSTILE PERIODONTOGENIC STRAINS**

**THE MANIFESTATION OF  
PERIODONTAL BREAKDOWN IS  
DEPENDENT ON THE HOST'S  
SUSCEPTIBILITY AND THE  
VIRULANCE OF THE BIOFILM**



**Disease is the consequence of this balanced relationship breaking down, provoked by**

- **either changes to the magnitude or nature of the microbial challenge**

- **or the scale and appropriateness of the host response**

(Socransky et al. 1998).



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# CHRONIC PERIODONTITIS AND HEALTHY CONTROLS THE OCCURENCE OF PERIODONTOPATHOGENIC STRAINS

THE NUMBER OF SUBJETS AND THE PROPORTION (%)

BACTERIUM	CHRONIC PERIO (n=29)	HEALTHY (n=20)
Treponema sp.	29 (100)	8 (40)
A.A.	26 (89.7)	1 (5)
P. gingivalis	29 (100)	6 (30)
Fusobacterium sp.	29 (100)	17 (85)
T. forsythia	28 (96.9)	11 (55)
P. intermedia	26 (89.7)	1 (5)
P. micros	28 (96.6)	6 (30)

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**THE PREVALENCE OF PERIODONTOPATHOGEN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE POCKETS IN CHRONIC PERIODONTITIS AND IN HEALTHY CONTROLS**

**THE ABSOLUTE NUMBER AND RELATIVE PROPORTION (%) OF POSITIVE POCKETS**

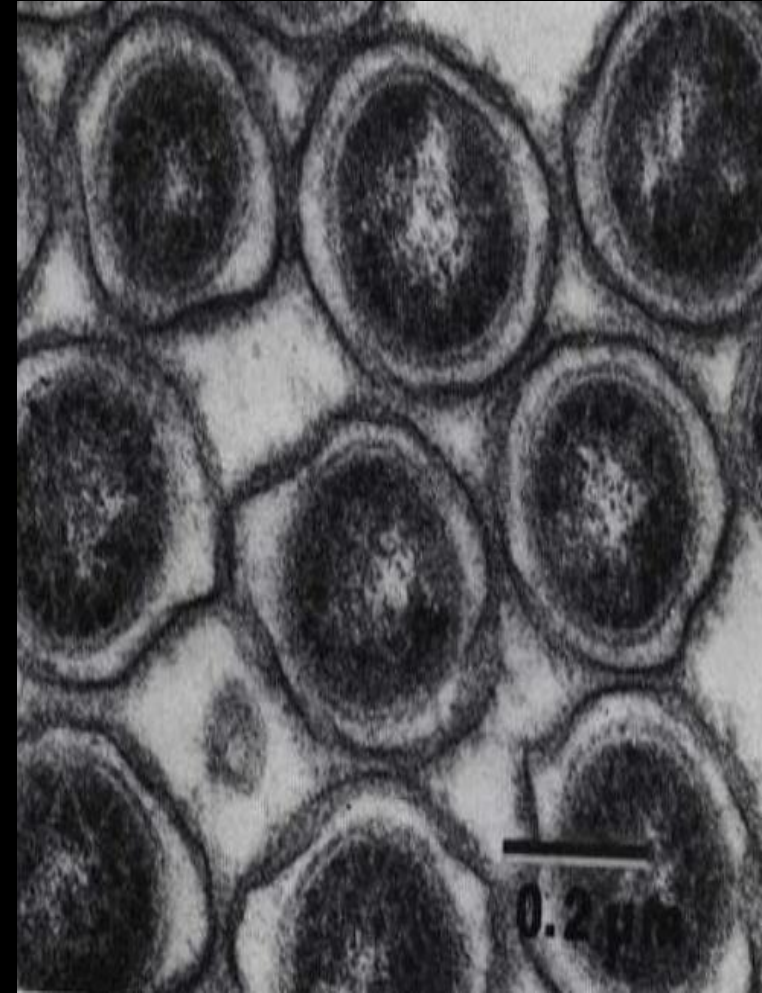
<b>BACTERIUM</b>	<b>CHRONIC PERIODONTITIS active pocket (n=116)</b>	<b>CHRONIC PERIODONTITIS inactive pocket (n=28)</b>	<b>HEALTHY CONTROLS (n=100)</b>
<b>Treponema sp.</b>	<b>114 (98.3)</b>	<b>13 (46.4)</b>	<b>22 (22)</b>
<b>A.A.</b>	<b>86 ( 74.1)</b>	<b>8 (28.6)</b>	<b>1 (1)</b>
<b>P. gingivalis</b>	<b>113 (97.4)</b>	<b>14 (50)</b>	<b>18 (18)</b>
<b>Fusobacterium sp.</b>	<b>116 (100)</b>	<b>20 (71.4)</b>	<b>58 (58)</b>
<b>B. forsythus</b>	<b>112 (96.6)</b>	<b>9 (32.1)</b>	<b>18 (18)</b>
<b>P. intermedia</b>	<b>82 (70.7)</b>	<b>5 (17.9)</b>	<b>2 (2)</b>
<b>P. micros</b>	<b>95 (81.9)</b>	<b>10 (35.7)</b>	<b>8 (8)</b>

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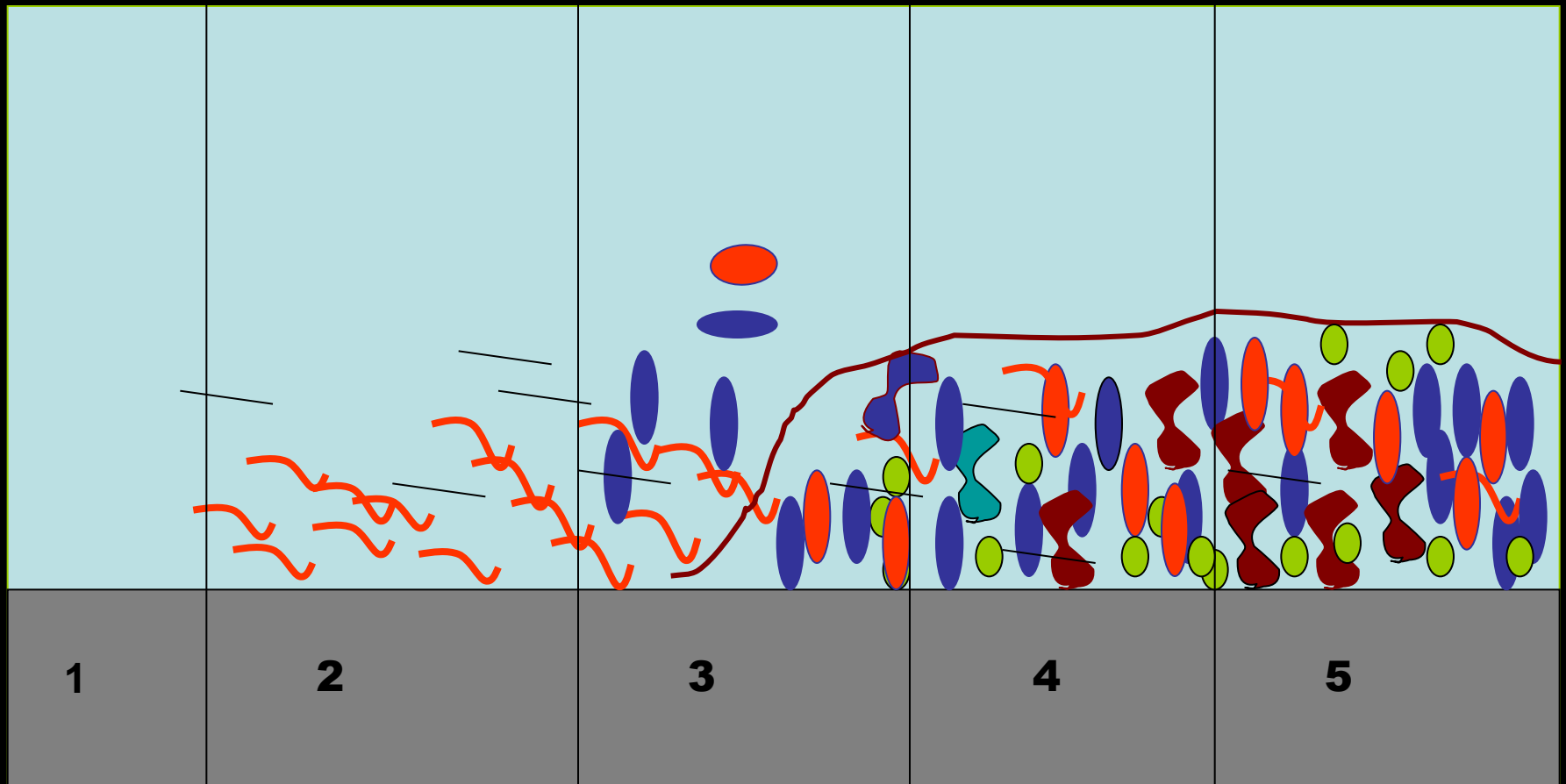
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- Most natural biofilms contain multiple species and are termed **microbial communities**.
- The component organisms are **not merely passive neighbors**
- they are involved in a wide range of physical, metabolic and **molecular interactions**.
- These interactions may well be essential for the **attachment, growth and survival of species at a site, enabling organisms to persist in hostile environments**.



# biofilm formation



# THE PRINCIPLES OF MICROBIAL ECOLOGY

- **MICROBIAL SUCCESSION**
- **Autogenic succession** – the bacterial community changes the environment to favor the growth of other species
- **Allogenic succession** – the environment changes because of non microbial factors like restorations, pocket depth etc.

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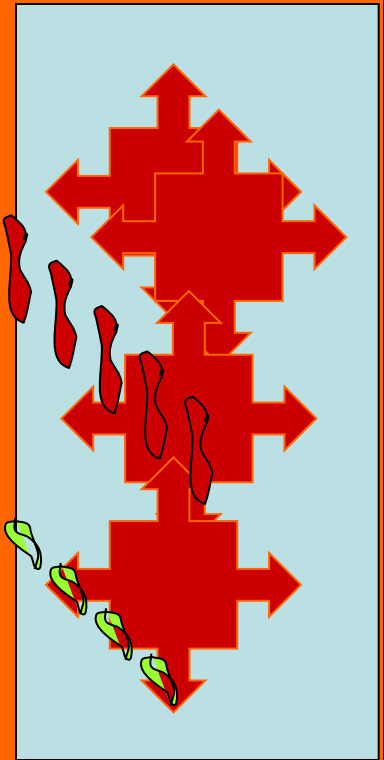
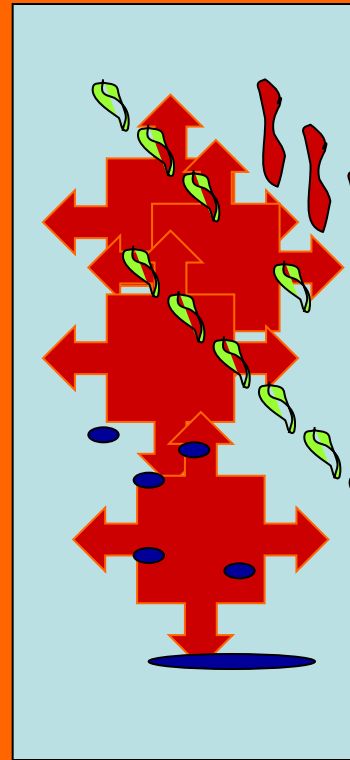
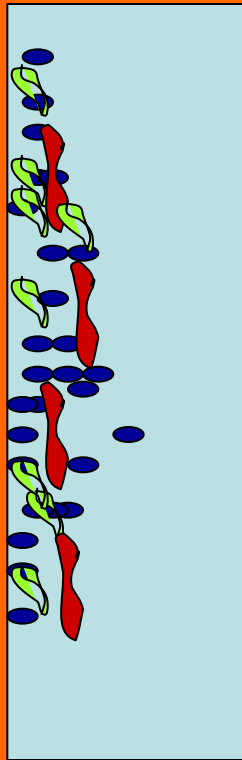
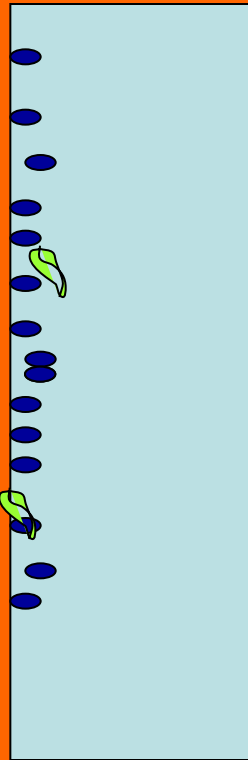
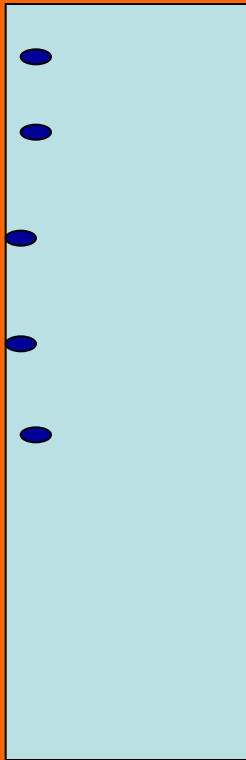
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# THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENTAL BIOFILM

Lateral spread

vertical growth



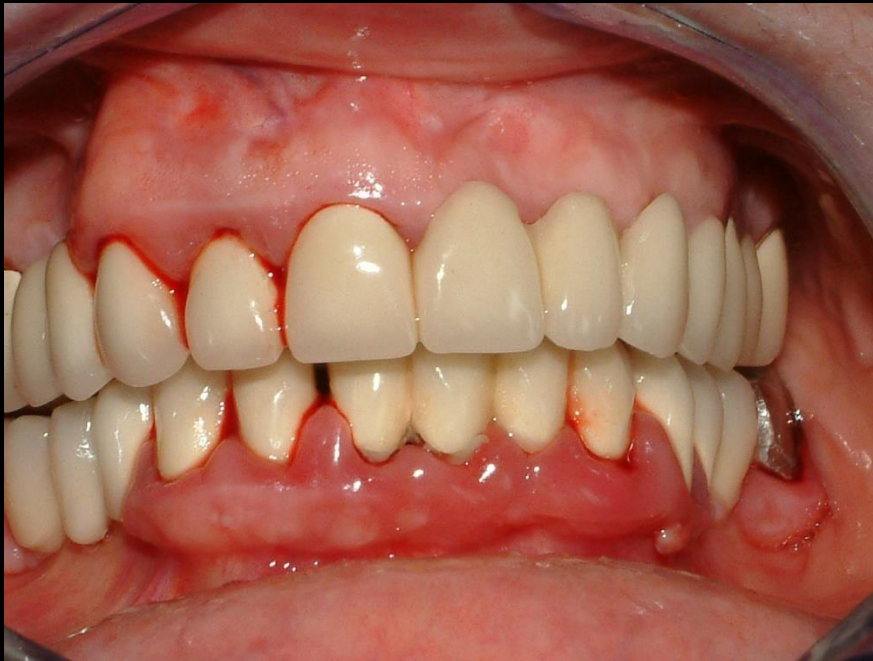
ATTACHMENT

COAGGREGATION

SPREAD

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- **Allogenic succession** – the environment changes because of non microbial factors like restorations, pocket depth etc.



**During the inflammatory response to plaque accumulation,**

**there is an increase in the flow of gingival crevicular fluid;**

**this not only delivers components of the host defences**

**but also provides more nutrients (proteins and glycoproteins) that favour the growth of organisms with an asaccharolytic metabolism**



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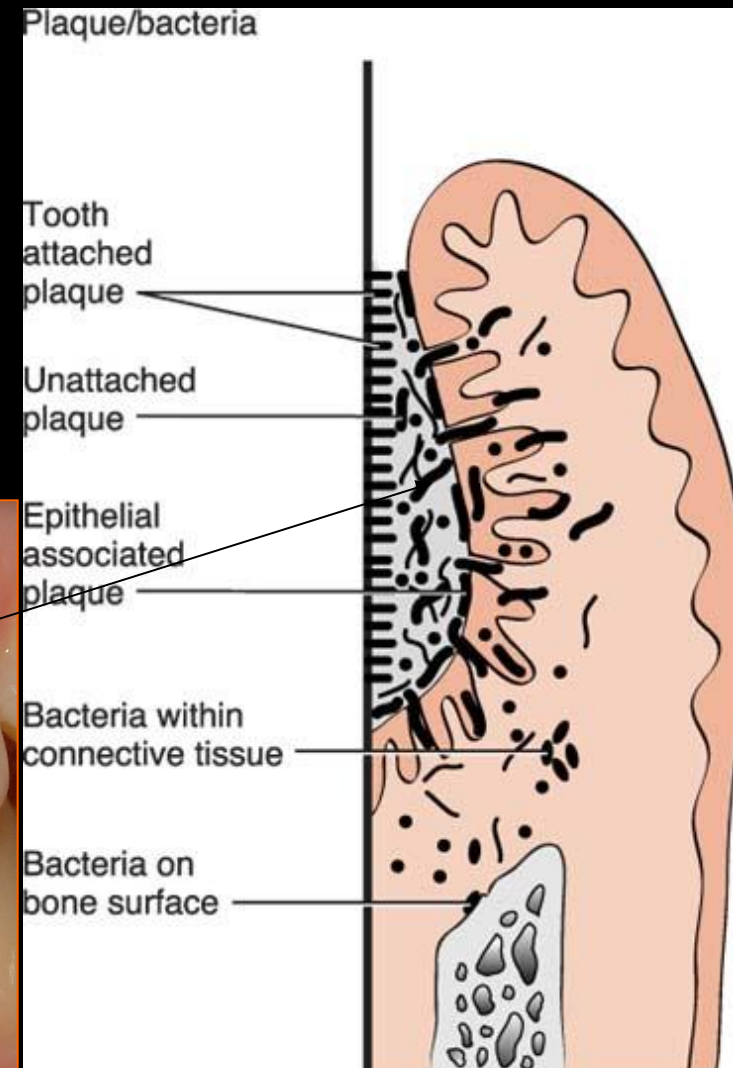
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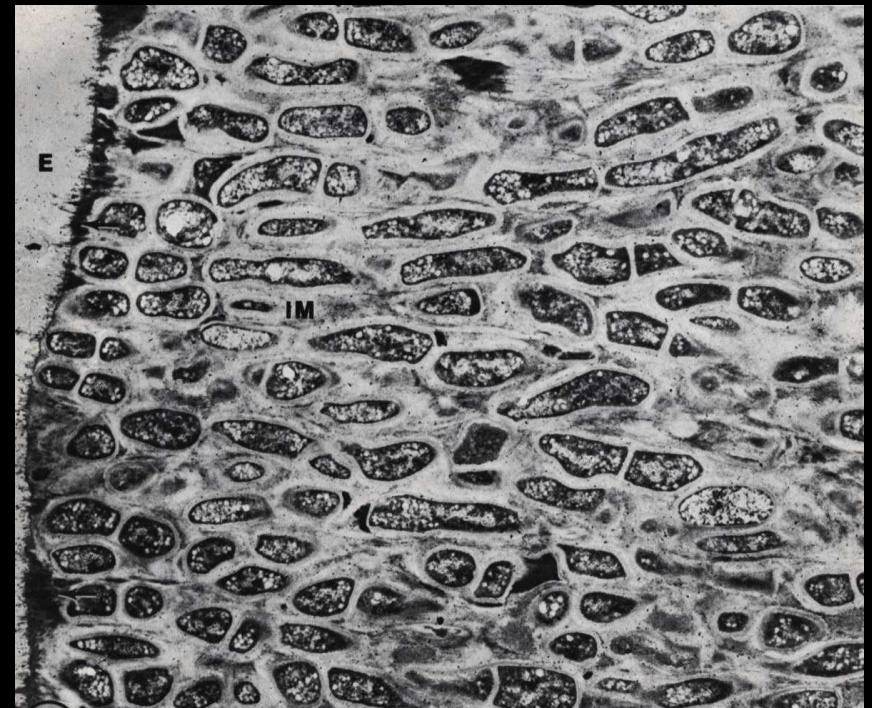
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- BACTERIAL ECOSYSTEM
- HABITAT  
*SULCUS* →
- is the site at which a population of bacteria grows



# THE PRINCIPLES OF MICROBIAL ECOLOGY

- **NICHES**
- the function of the bacteria in a habitat is its niche
- A bacterium can have one niche in one habitat and another niche in another habitat





# DETERMINANTS OF SUBGINGIVAL BIOFILM

- THE MICROBIAL COMPOSITION OF SUBGINGIVAL BIOFILM
- THE INFLUENCE OF SURFACE ON THE COMPOSITION
  - TOOTH, EPITHELIA, CREVICULAR FLUIDS
- THE BULK FLUID
  - SALIVA OR CREVICULAR FLUID

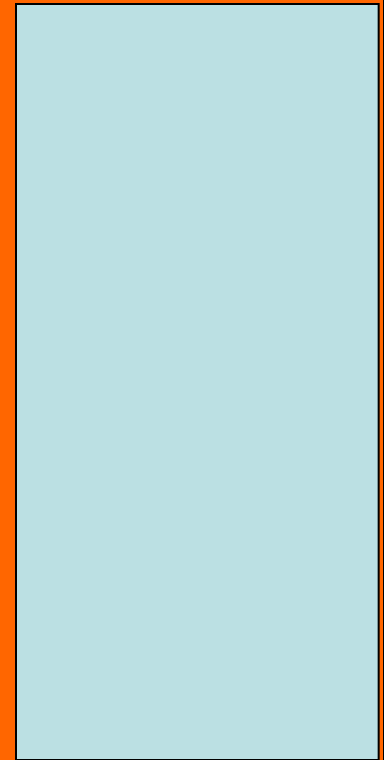
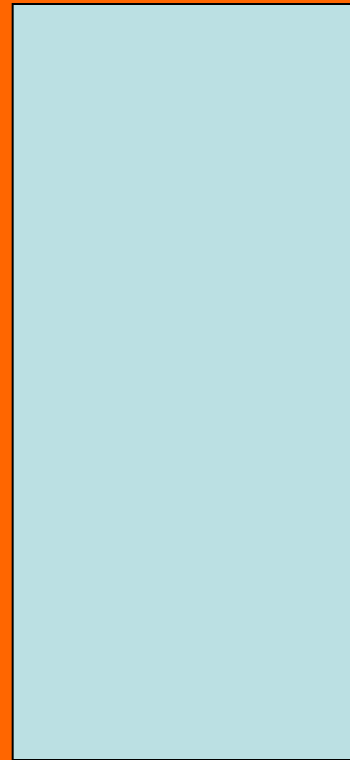
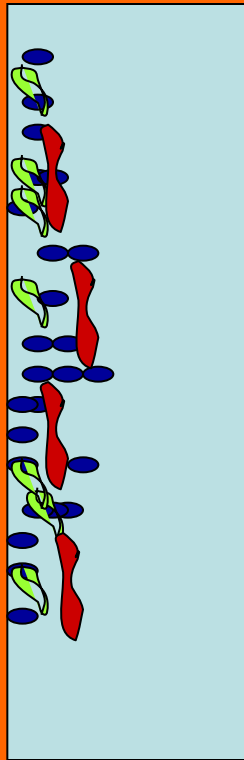
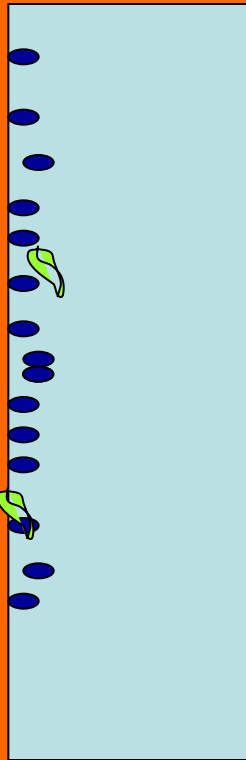
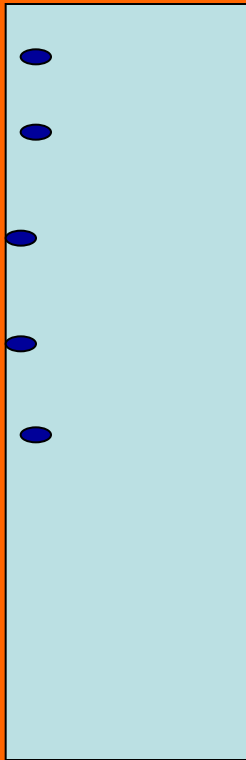
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- **MICROBIAL SUCCESSION**
- **Factors contributing to microbial succession:**
  - Provision of nutrients
  - Altering the concentration of inorganic nutrients – like metals
  - Modifying the host tissues – like edema
  - Autointoxication
  - Elimination of organisms by physical means
  - Establishment of barriers

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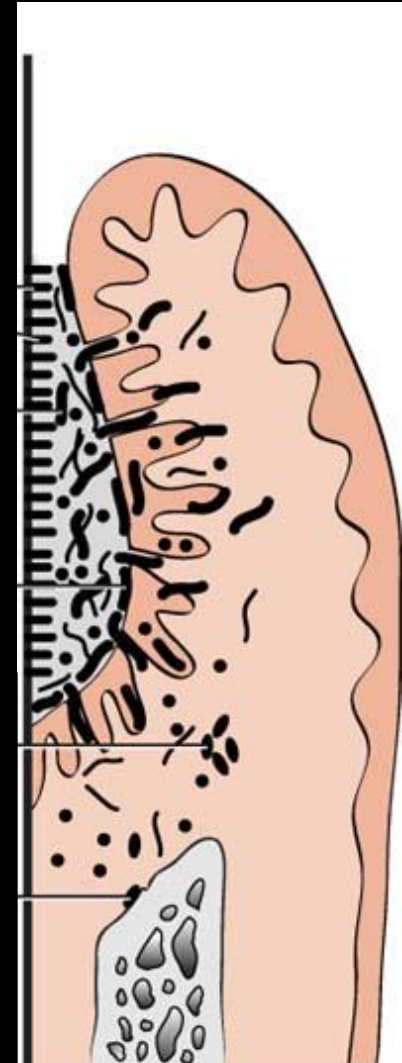
# „COMPLEXES" OF BACTERIA ARE ASSOCIATED WITH EITHER HEALTH OR DISEASE

(Socransky et al. 1998, Socransky & Haffajee 2002).

Certain groups of bacteria are early colonizers of the tooth surface,

Others, such as members of the "red complex" (*Porphyromonas gingivalis*, *T. denticola*, *Tannerella forsythensis*), are associated more commonly with periodontal diseases, and are rarely detected in the absence of members of other "complexes" (e.g. the "orange complex"),

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**Actinomyces**

**SUBGINGIVAL BACTERIUM COMPLEXES**

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*S. oralis*  
*S. sanguis*

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*T. forshytia*  
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**Streptococcus**

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*E. nodatum*

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*Campilobacter*  
*A. actinomycetemcomitans*

Sockransky 1998



THERE CAN BE A NULL STATE BETWEEN  
BIOFILM AND HOST – NO OVERT  
INFLAMMATORY REACTION

OR

CLINICALLY MANIFEST INFLAMMATION



# PERIODONTOPATHOGENIC BATERIA IN ORAL CAVITY

PERIODONTAL DISEASE IS NOT CAUSED BY ONE SINGLE STRAIN

KOCH'S PUSTULATE IS MODIFIED BY SOKRANSKY'S POSTULATE

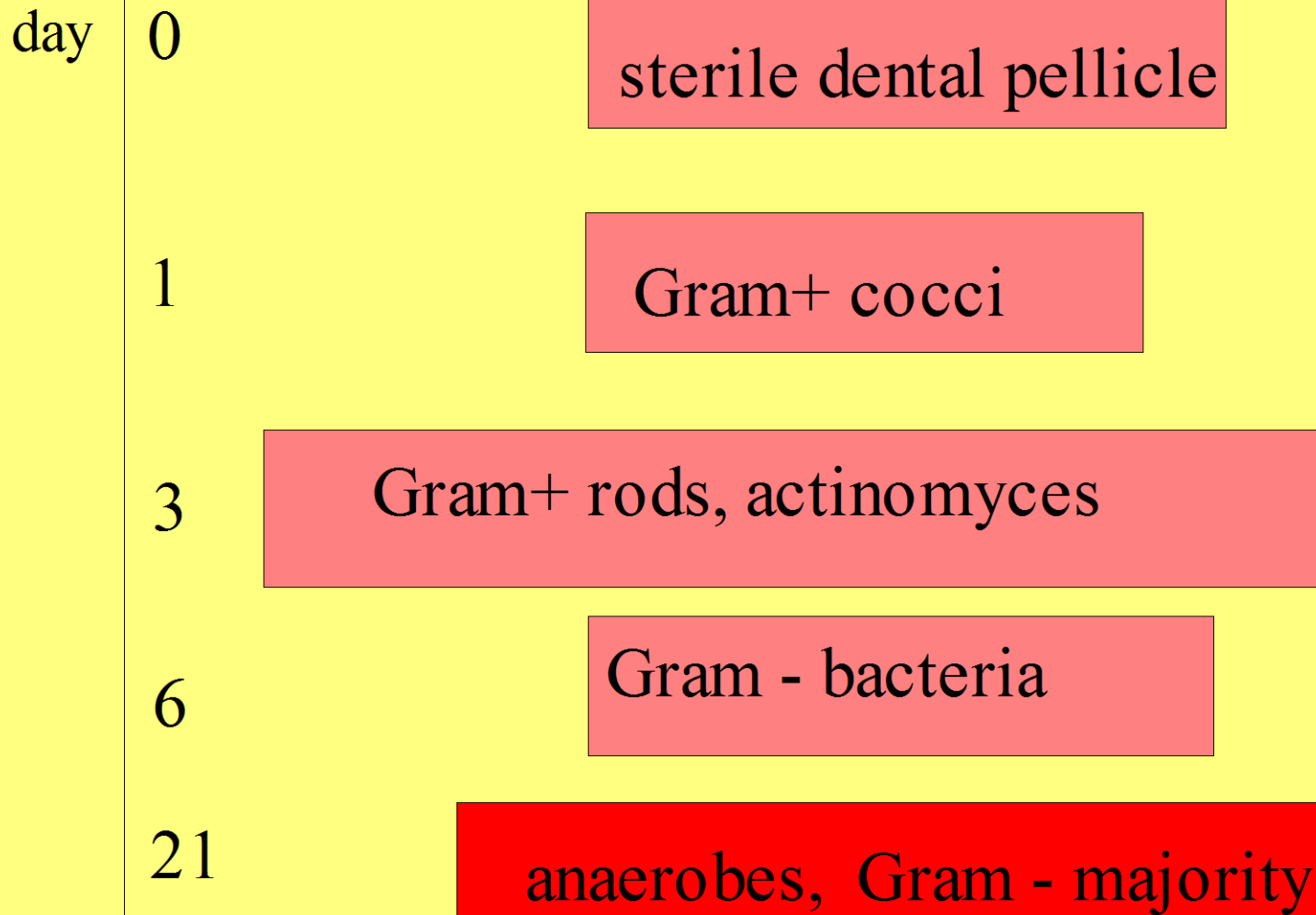
(Sokransky 1992)

- THE ORGANISM SHOULD BE FOUND IN HIGH NUMBERS IN THE PROXIMITY TO THE PERIODONTAL TISSUES
- THE ORGANISM SHOULD BE ABSENT OR IN SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER NUMBER IN HELTHY PERIODONTAL TISSUES
- THE ORGANISM SHOULD HAVE HIGH TITER OF SERUM ANTIBODY
- THE ORGANISM SHOULD POSSES MANY VIRULENCE FACTORS
- THE ORGANISM SHOULR PRODUCE PERIODONTAL INFLAMMATION IN ANIMAL MODELS
- FOLLOWING ERRADICATION OF THE ORGANISM CLINICAL IMPROVENENT SHOULD OCCURE
- THE ORGANISM MUST BE OF A VIRULENT CLONAL TYPE
- THE HOST SHOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE ORGANISMS

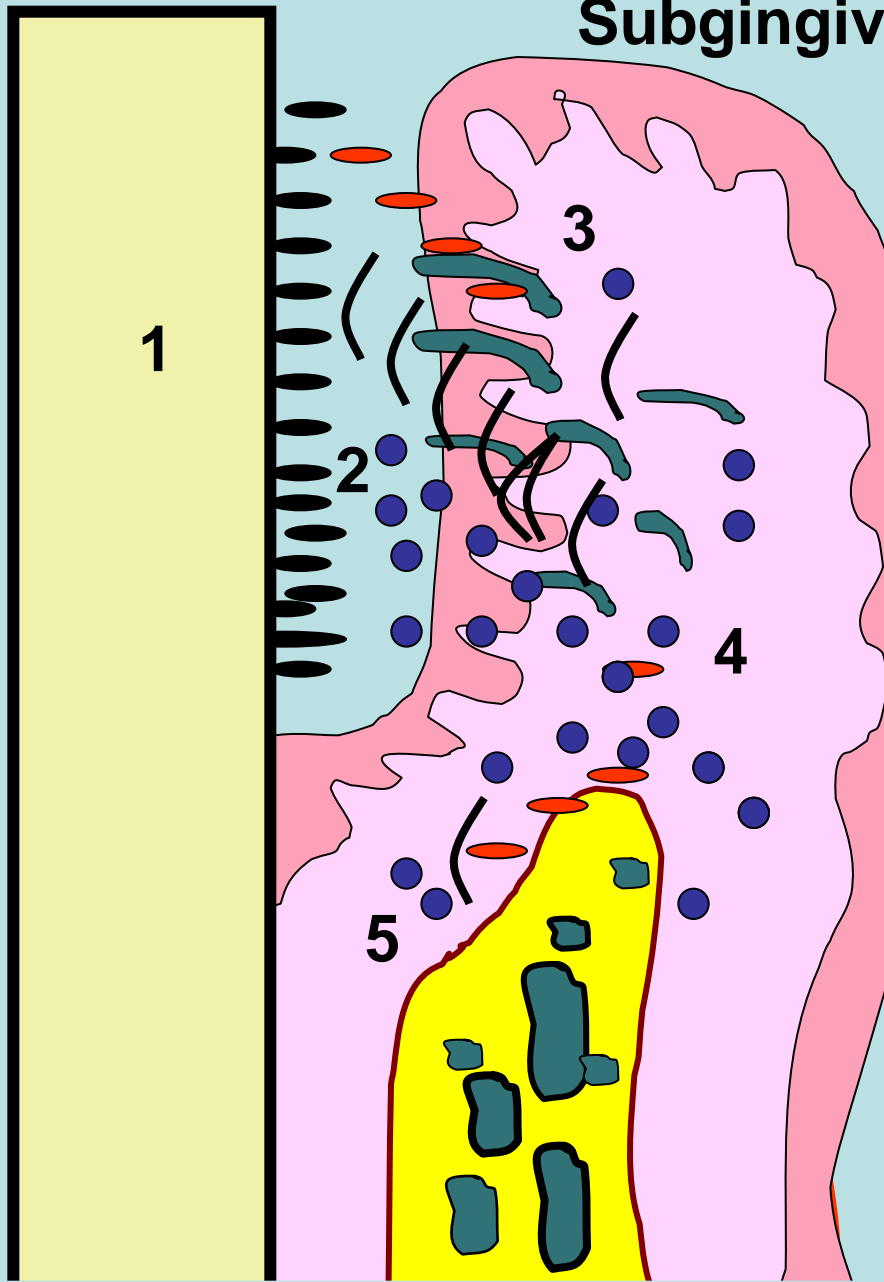
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# THE MECHANISM OF PLAQUE ACCUMULATION



# Subgingiv



# Plaque/bacteria

Tooth attached plaque

Unattached plaque

Epithelial associated plaque

Bacteria within connective tissue

Bacteria on bone surface



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## periopatogen strains :

*Actinobacillus (Aggregatibacter)*

*actinomycetemcomitans,*

*Tannerella forsythia ,*

*Campylobacter rectus,*

*Eubacterium nodatum,*

*Fusobacterium nucleatum,*

*Peptostreptococcus micros,*

*Porphyromonas gingivalis,*

*Prevotella intermedia,*

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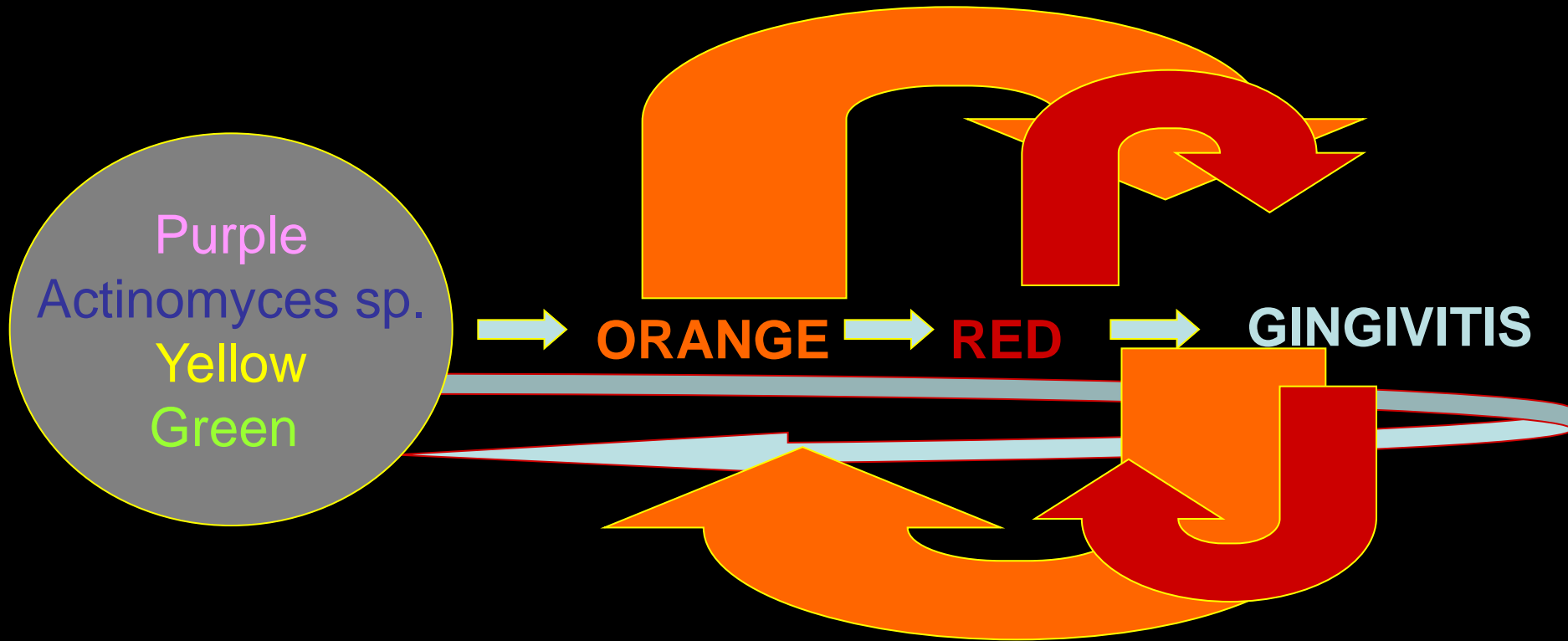
*Streptococcus intermedius*

*certain Treponema species*



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- MICROBIAL SUCCESSION





- Biofilms have been defined as **matrix-embedded microbial populations**, adherent to each other and/or to surfaces or interfaces (Costerton et al. 1995).
- Biofilms are usually **highly structured** with channels traversing the depth of the biofilm, creating primitive circulatory systems (Costerton et al. 1995).
- The component species are not **randomly distributed** but are **spatially and functionally organized**, and many natural biofilms have a highly diverse microflora.

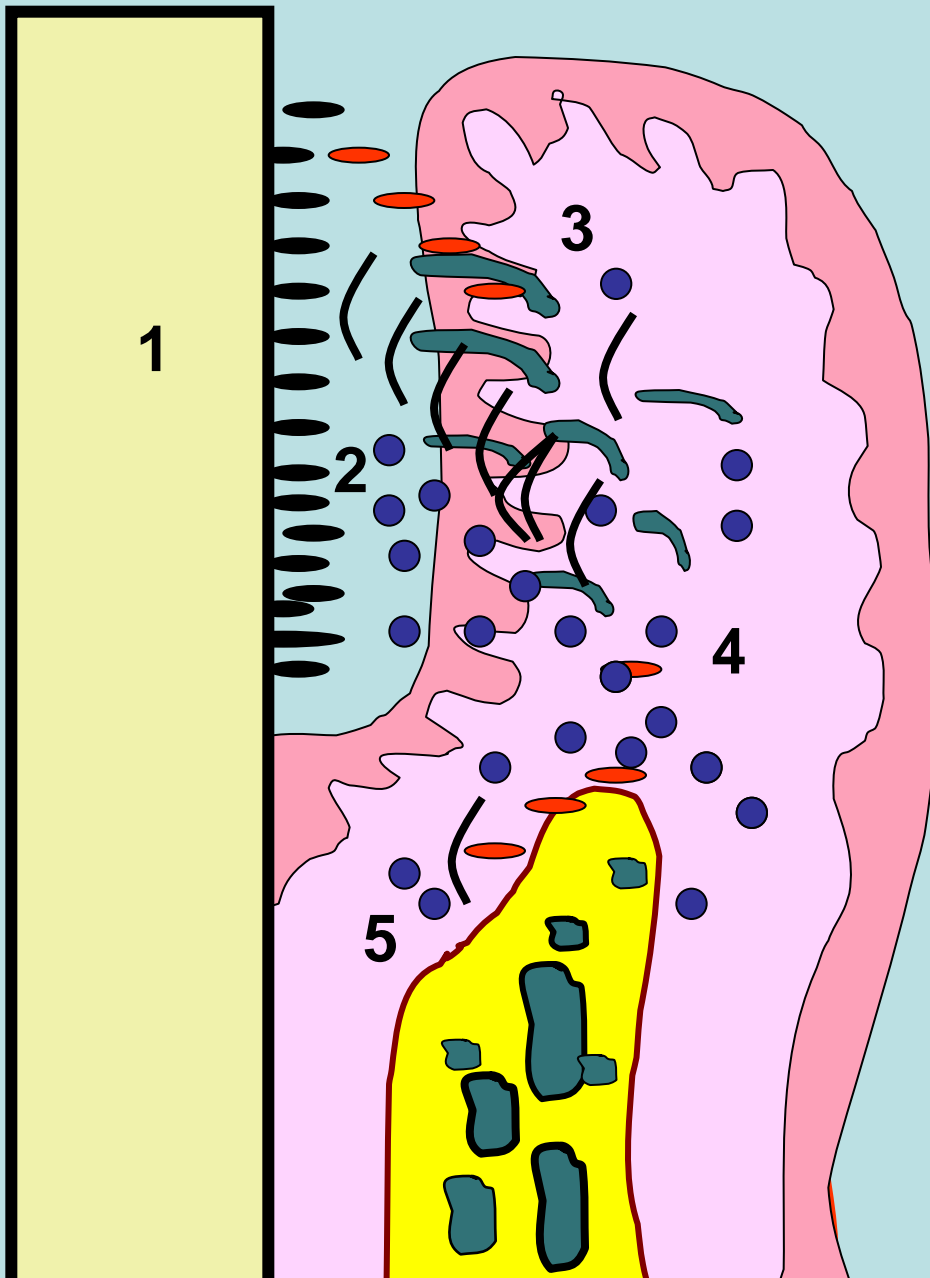


- Environmental heterogeneity in biofilms can accelerate phenotypic and genotypic diversity in bacterial populations
- Cells are better prepared to cope with adverse conditions

"biological insurance,,

(Boles et al. 2004).





**In deep periodontal pockets :**

**the deepest zones were colonized mainly by spirochaetes and Gram-negative anaerobic bacteria**

**shallow regions comprised predominantly Gram-positive cocci (Wecke et al. 2000)**

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# COMMENSAL BACTERIAL FLORA

**COMMENSAL MEANS** – RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ORGANISMS OF TWO DIFFERENT SPECIES IN WHICH ONE DERIVES NUTRIENTS FROM THE OTHERS WHILE THE OTHER REMAINS **UNHARMED AND UNAFFECTED**

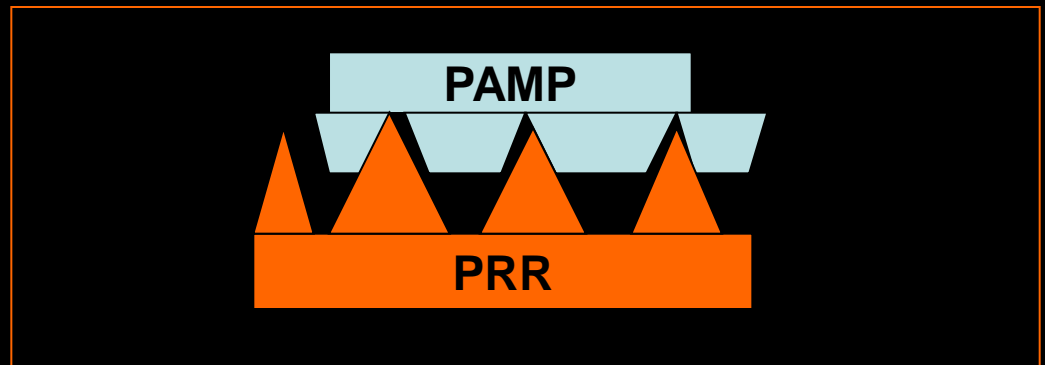
**COMMENSAL BACTERIA CAN BE PATHOGENIC ON OTHER LOCATIONS, LIKE ORAL OR GUT BACTERIA IN OTHER TISSUES**



# TOLL LIKE RECEPTORS AND THE COMMENSAL FLORA

Toll like receptors are to recognize **microbial molecular patterns**

by this **host can discriminate** between commensal and hostile bacteria



# HOW COMMENSAL FLORA CAN MAINTAIN PERIODONTAL HEALTH?

IN THE GUT THE NORMAL SALMONELLA FLORA CAN SUPPRESS LOCAL INFLAMMATORY CYTOKINE PRODUCTION

- IN THE ORAL CAVITY THE COMMENSAL FLORA CAN PREVENT THE HOST TO ACTIVATE THE IMMUNE SYSTEM

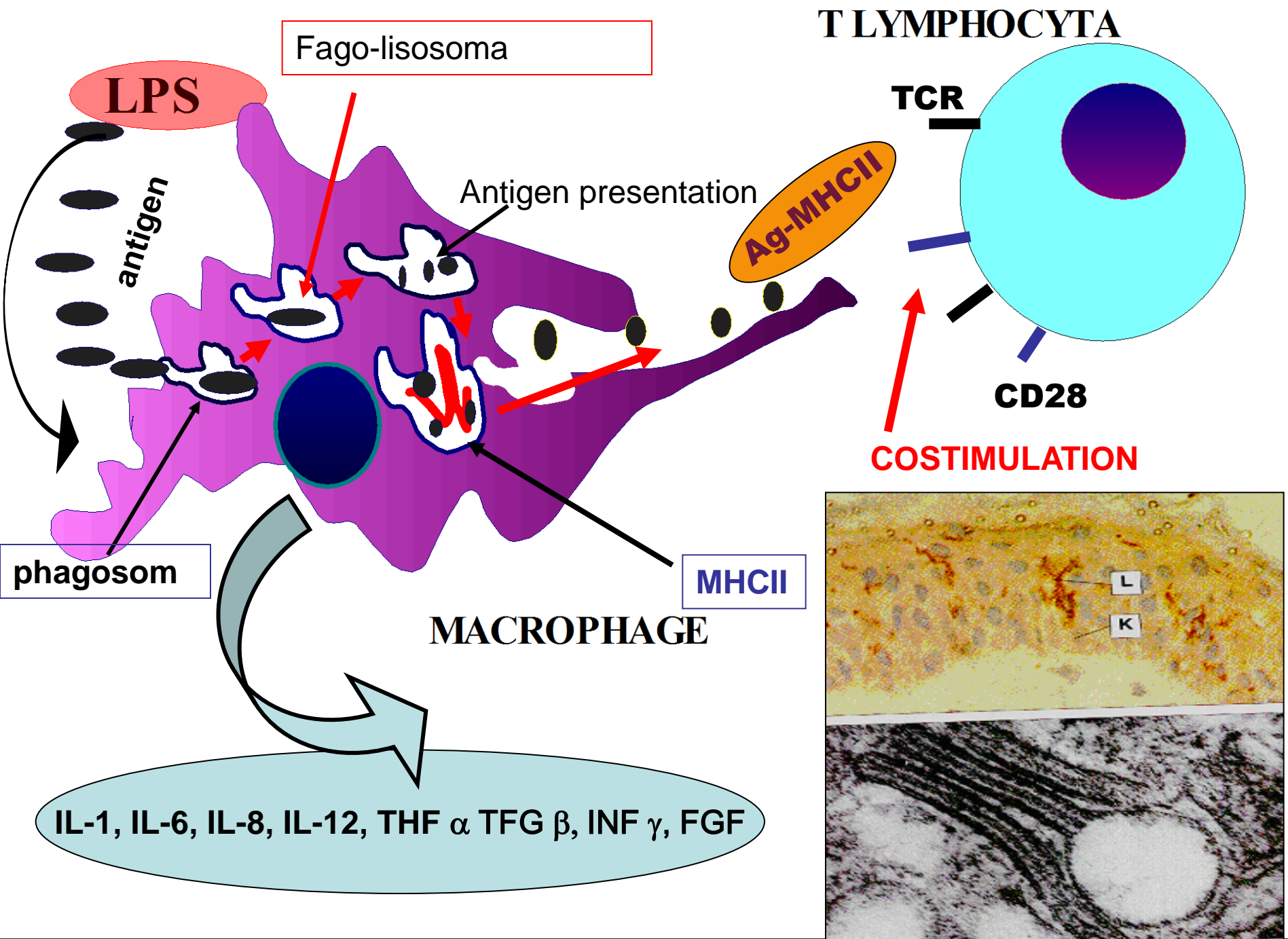


# COMMENSAL BACTERIA AND EPITHELIAL ANTI-MICROBIAL PEPTIDES

- The harmless early colonizers of the dental pellicle (*streptococci*) keep unwanted pathogens off the plaque.
- Commensal bacteria promote the production of antimicrobial peptides that kill pathogens but has no effect on commensal bacteria
- *F. nucleatum* can protect the epithelial cells from *P. gingivalis* invasion by enhancing defensin-2 production
- HUMAN *F. NUCLEATUM* ITSELF IS RESISTANT TO DEFENSINS

# HOW COMMENSAL FLORA CAN MAINTAIN PERIODONTAL HEALTH?

- THE MAJOR DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMMENSAL AND PATHOGENIC BACTERIA IS THAT THE ONE ELICITS IMMUNE TOLERANCE THE OTHER PROVOKES ADAPTIVE IMMUNE REACTION
- BACTERIA CAN STIMULATE SUPPRESSIVE T LYMPHOCYTES TO PRODUCE INHIBITORY CYTOKINES (TGF, IL-10)
- COMMENSAL BACTERIAL ANTIGEN PRESENTATION TO DENDRITIC CELLS HAPPENS WITHOUT COSTIMULATION



In the presence of commensal bacteria the mucosal antigen presenting cells suppress inflammation by maintaining low level of costimulatory molecules and favors Th2 cytokin production

*FUSOBACTERIUM NUCLEATUM* CAN ENHANCE MHC II EXPRESSION BUT DECREASES THE PRODUCTION OF COSTIMULATORY MOLECULES

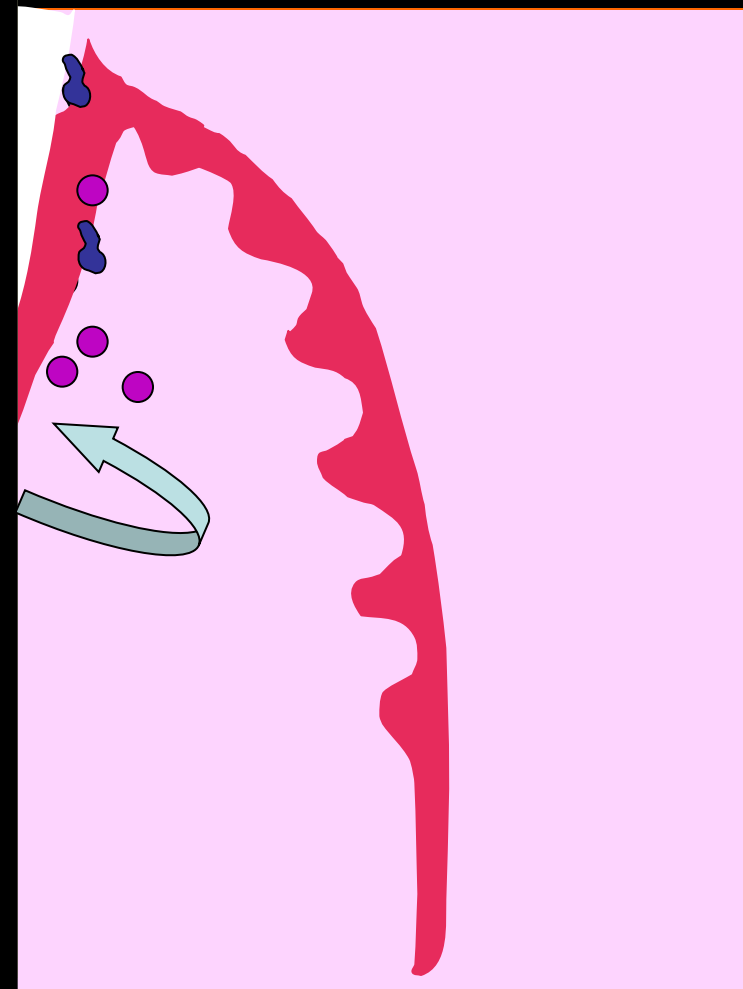
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# COMMENSAL BACTERIA AND CYTOKINE PRODUCTION

## COMMENSAL BACTERIA CAN PRODUCE

- CONSTANT IL 8 PRODUCTION → MILD PMN LEUKOCYTE EMIGRAION
- ADHESION MOLECULES - → ICAM-1, LCAM-1, PLATELET ADHESION MOLECULE 1, THAT ASSIST RECRUITING PMN LEUKOCYTES
- 
- EPITHELIAL DERIVED ANTIBACTERIAL PEPTIDES – → DEFENSINS –

• THOSE BACTERIA ARE IMMUNE TO THOSE AGENTS !!!!!



# PERIOPATHOGENIC BACTERIA AND PERIODONTAL TISSUE

The composition of the dental plaque dictates the degree of which the periodontium breaks down

## Red complex bacteria

*T. denticola*

*T. forsythia*

*P. gingivalis*

The ability to- colonize subgingivally

The invasive capacity

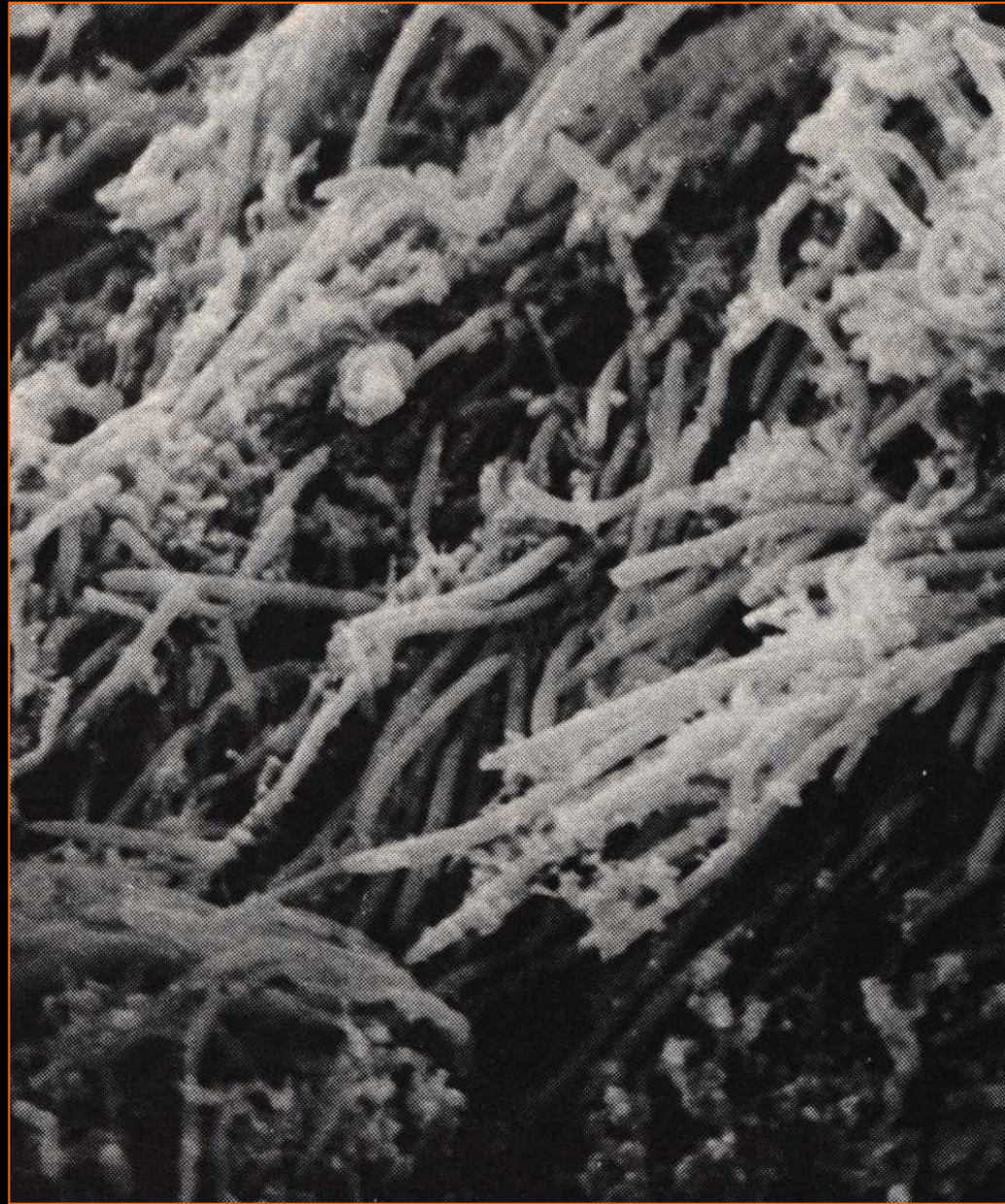
Proteases and exotoxin production

To induce destructive immune reactions



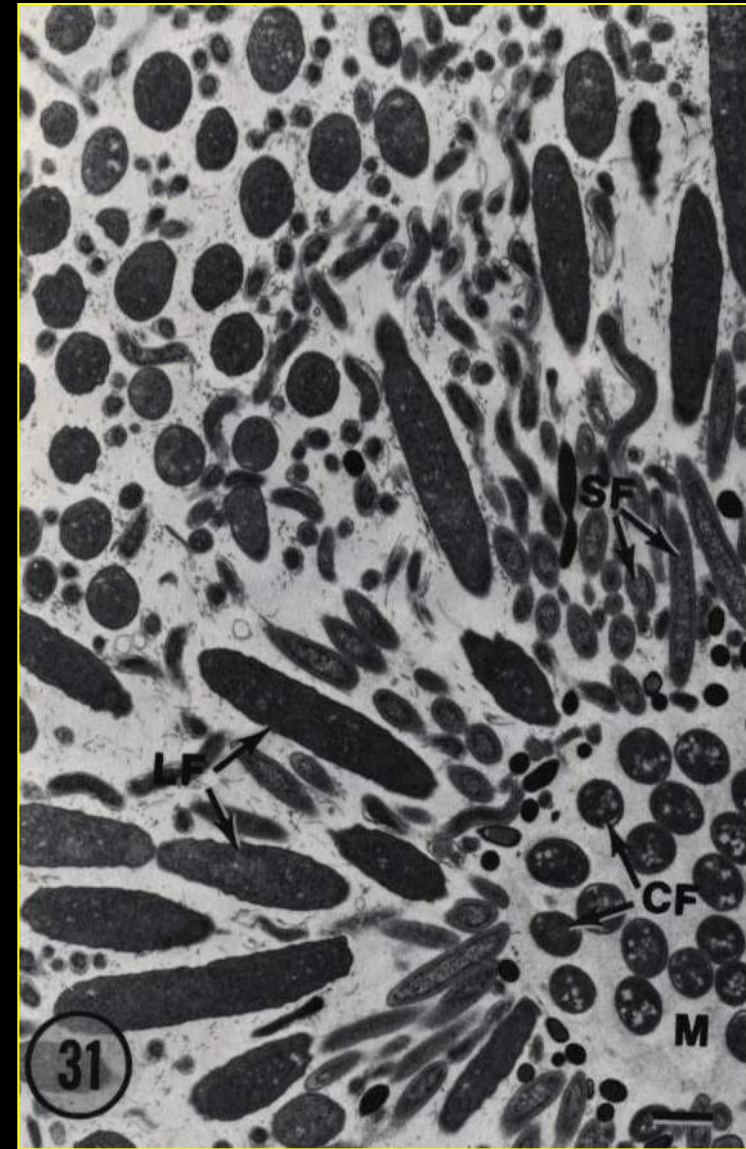
**Gene expression can alter markedly when cells form a biofilm, resulting in many organisms having a radically different phenotype following attachment to a surface when compared with conventional liquid grown (planktonic) cells.**

**(Whiteley et al. 2001)**



- The **matrix is** not only important physically as part of the scaffolding that determines the structure of biofilms,
- but it is also **biologically active** and can retain nutrients, water (thereby preventing desiccation) and key enzymes within the biofilm

•(Allison 2003, Branda et al. 2005).





- The binding of bacteria to specific host receptors can also trigger significant changes in host cell patterns of gene expression (Abraham et al. 1998).

- As the biofilm matures, there is continued synthesis of exopolymers to form an extracellular matrix.

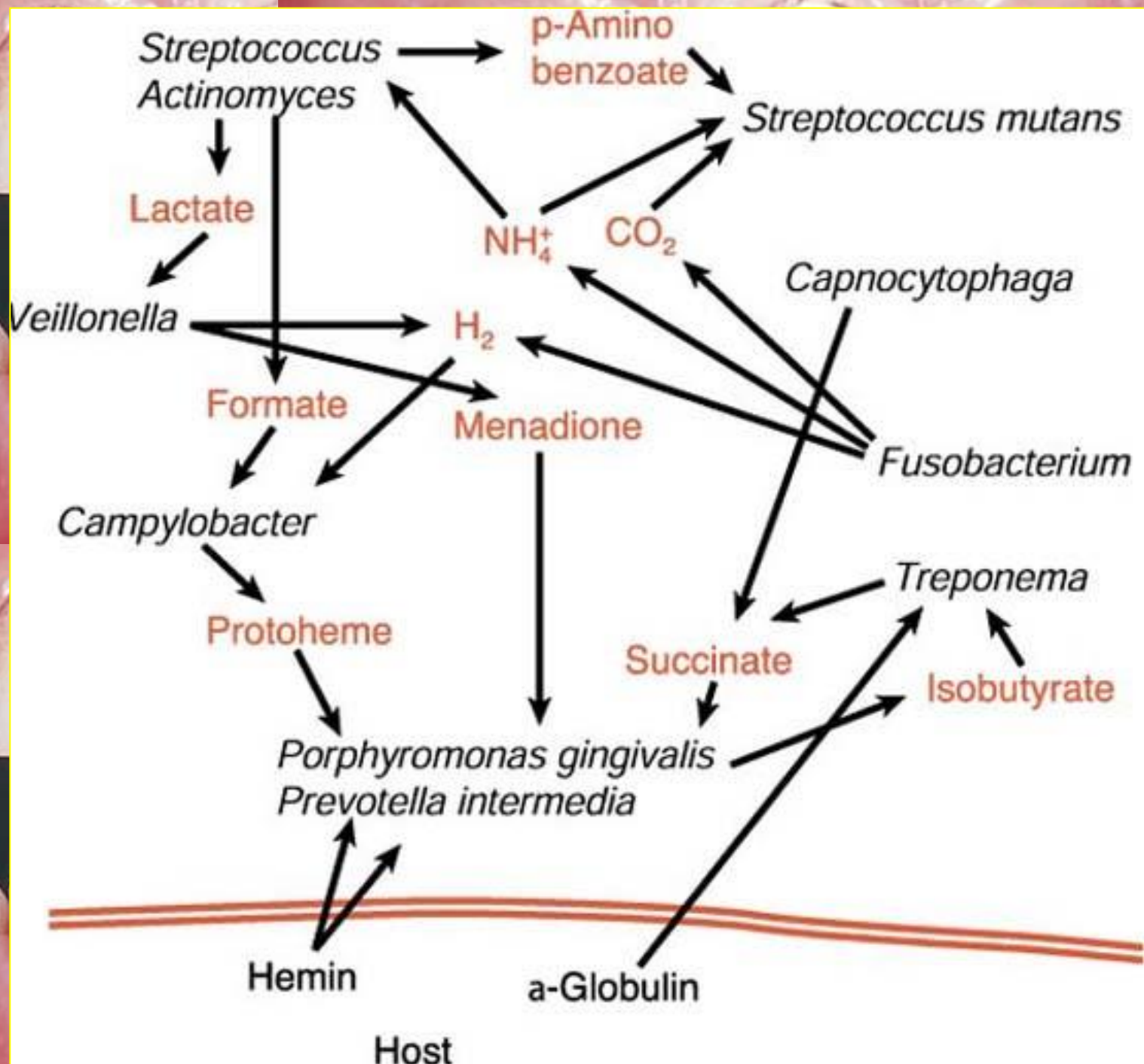
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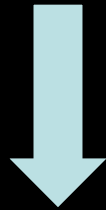
This community life-style provides enormous potential benefits to the participating organisms

(Caldwell et al. 1997, Shapiro 1998, Marsh & Bowden 2000).

- The metabolism of early colonizers alters the local environment, making conditions suitable for attachment and growth of later species.
- Thus, the diversity of the microflora increases over time because of microbial succession.



The environmental heterogeneity generated within biofilms promotes accelerated genotypic and phenotypic diversity



"biological insurance"

that can safeguard the "microbial community" in the face of adverse conditions



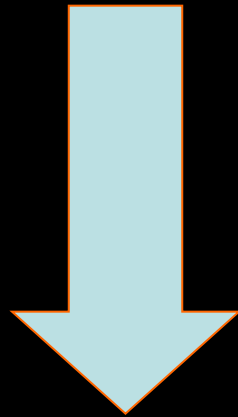
**This diversity can affect several key properties of cells,**

- motility,
- nutritional requirements,
- secretion of products,
- detachment,
- biofilm formation;

**this diversity better equips an organism or community to survive an environmental stress.**

## AN IMPORTANT CLINICAL CONSEQUENCE:

structural organization of biofilms  
altered pattern of gene expression



reduced susceptibility of cells to antimicrobial agents

(Gilbert et al. 1997, 2002, Ceri et al. 1999, Stewart & Costerton 2001).

•Conventionally, the sensitivity of bacteria to antimicrobial agents is determined on cells grown in liquid culture by the measurement of **the minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC)** or minimum bactericidal concentration (MBC).

•Numerous studies have shown that the MIC of an organism growing on a surface can range from 2- to 1000-fold greater than the same cells grown planktonically

•(Stewart & Costerton 2001, Johnson et al. 2002).

## ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Bacteria growing in dental plaque also display an increased tolerance to antimicrobial agents, including those used in **dentifrices and mouthrinses**

(Marsh & Bradshaw 1993, Kinniment et al. 1996, Wilson 1996, Pratten & Wilson 1999).

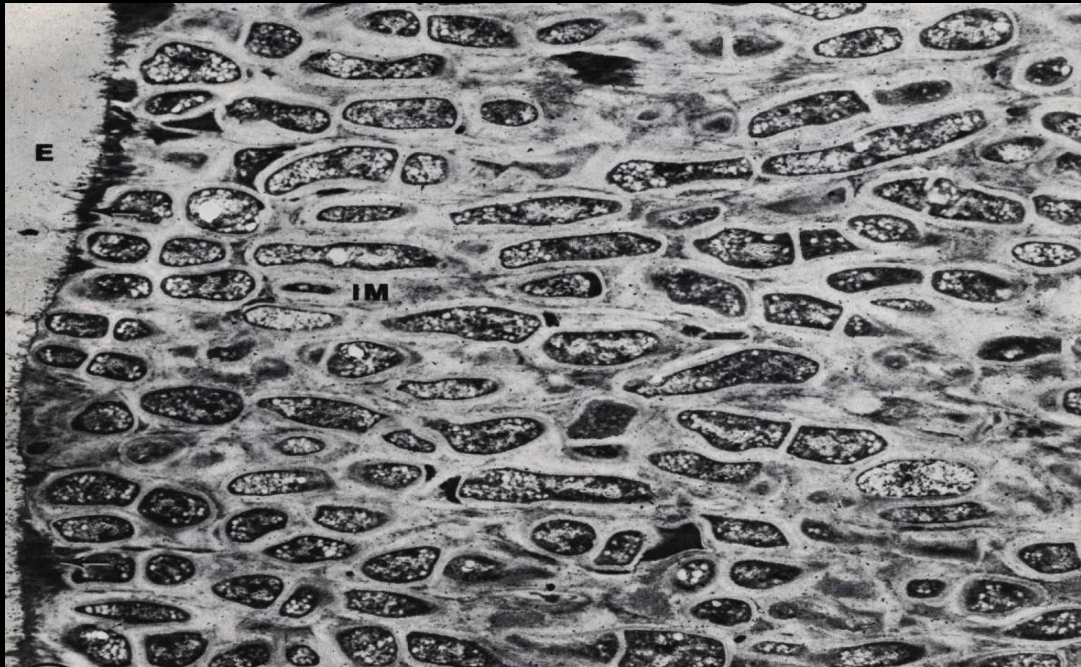
The **BIC for chlorhexidine** and amine fluoride was 300 times and 75 times greater, respectively, when *S. sobrinus* was grown as a biofilm compared with the MBC of planktonic cells

(Shani et al. 2000).



The age of the biofilm can also be a significant factor; older biofilms (72 h) of *S. sanguinis* were more resistant to chlorhexidine than younger (24 h) biofilms

(Millward & Wilson 1989).



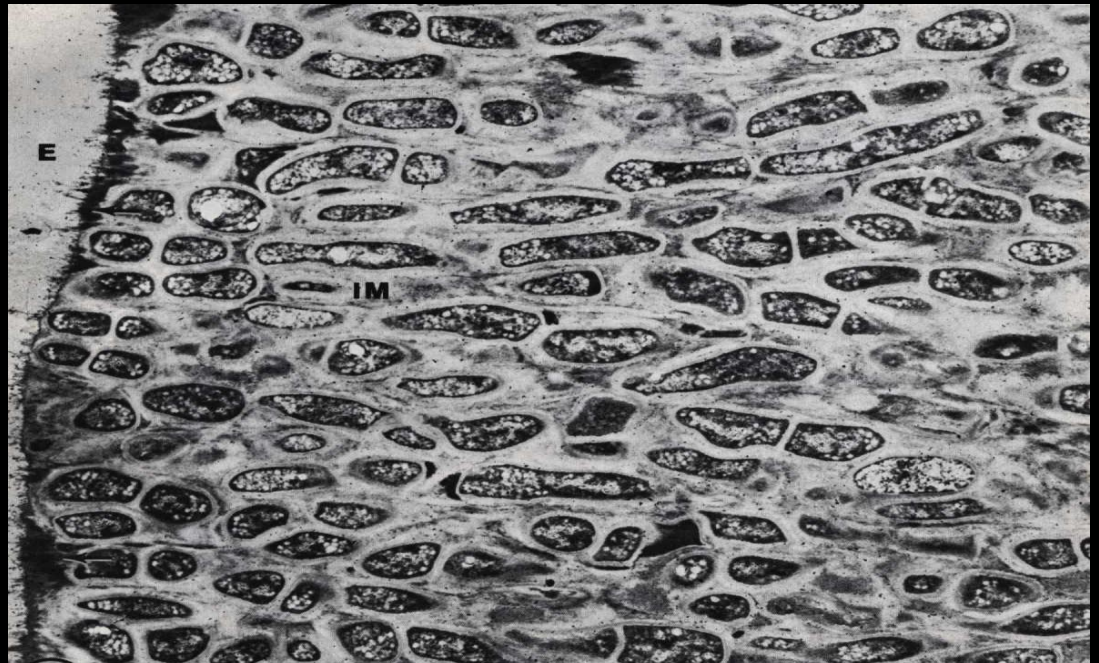
**Biofilms of oral bacteria are also more tolerant of antibiotics than planktonic cells**

**(e.g. amoxicillin, doxycycline, minocycline, metronidazole)**

**(Larsen 2002, Socransky & Haffajee 2002, Noiri et al. 2003),**

**Biofilms of *P. gingivalis* tolerated 160 times the MIC of metronidazole that had been determined for planktonic cells**

**(Wright et al. 1997),**



it would be more appropriate to determine the "biofilm inhibitory concentration" (BIC) of an agent (also described as the "biofilm eradicating concentration" or biofilm killing concentration)

(Anwar & Costerton 1990, Nichols 1994, Johnson et al. 2002).



# why,???

- The structure of a biofilm may restrict the penetration of the antimicrobial agent;
- charged inhibitors can bind to oppositely charged polymers that make up the biofilm matrix (diffusionreaction theory).
- The agent may also adsorb to and inhibit the organisms at the surface of the biofilm, leaving cells in the depths of the biofilm relatively unaffected.
- The matrix in biofilms can also bind and retain neutralizing enzymes (e.g. -lactamase) at concentrations that could inactivate an antibiotic or inhibitor (Allison 2003).

# SUMMARY

## Plaque as a community *biofilm*

**Oral bacteria do not exist as independent entities but rather function as a coordinated, spatially organized and metabolically integrated microbial community**

(Marsh & Bradshaw 1999, Marsh & Bowden 2000)



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a sensitive organism can be rendered as being apparently "resistant" to an antibiotic if neighbouring, non-pathogenic cells produce a neutralizing or drug-degrading enzyme ("indirect pathogenicity")



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**d) communities with varying bacterial composition have been found at sites with similar disease, and would be consistent with the concept of "complexes" associated with health and disease (Socransky & Haffajee 2002).**

**e)The shift towards communities containing increased proportions and numbers of anaerobic and proteolytic bacteria, as seen in periodontal disease, could be explained by the response of sub-gingival biofilms to changes in local environmental conditions and host responses. "**











# CHEMICAL PLAQUE CONTROL

- *chemoprophylaxis*



- *chemotherapy*



# **CHEMOPROPHYLAXIS**

to sustain the normal ecological balance of the oral cavity and control bacterial colonization .

## **Chemotherapy**

kill subgingival bacteria  
control bacterial invasion into the deeper periodontal tissues  
assist periodontal healing



# Periodontal chemoprophylaxis

*Non-selective with total bacterial eradication*

*Non-selective with marked oral bacterial reduction*

.

*Selective chemoprophylaxis* .

## *Ideal anti-plaque chemical or biological agent*

- Can permanently inhibit bacterial adhesion
- The agent can penetrate and reach plaque bacteria
- Substantive
- Do not alter normal oral bacterial ecology
- Do not have cumulative or chronic irritative effects

# Classification of anti-plaque agents

- **Duration of its effect**
  - short, first generation
  - substantive –second generation
- ***Biological effect***
  - Enzymes ,
  - Antibiotics
  - Antiseptics

# *Phenol derivatives :*

- **Listerin with** American Dental Association (ADA) seal
- Evidence support its anti plaque anti gingivitis effects
- Ingredients: thimol, menthol, methylsalicitate eukaliptol.
- **Triclosan** (2,4,4'-triklór-2'-hirdoxifenil-ether) chemically active ingredient in many toothpastes and mouth rinses

# Triclosan

- Has only mild anti-plaque effect
- Zinc citrate or polyvinylmethyl ether – maleic acid can potentiate its effect and increase substantivity .
- Several clinical trials proved the anti gingivitis effect by toothpastes containing triclosan/zinc citrate or co-polymer.

# *Quaternary ammonium compounds*

- In vitro strong antibacterial effect
- in vivo, mild anti plaque effect due to low substantivity .
- ***cetilpirimidinumchlorid*** (CPC)
- ***benzylconium-chloride***
- ***domifen-bromid***.

# *Halogens*

iodine and fluorides .

- *Betadin.*
- *fluorides*
- *Sn-fluoride and amino fluoride with strong anti-plaque effects*
- *mild anti plaque effect comparing to Chlorhexidin*
- *Meridol amino-fluoride + stannous fluoride .*

# *Bisbiguanid derivatives*

*second generation chemoprophylactic agents* .

- **Chlorhexidin** *1,6-di-4-klórfenil-diguanidhexan*.
- 0,2,% 0,15, % 0,05 % - rinses Corsodyl, Chlorhexamed , Curasept
- 1%-os gel Corsodyl
  
- **Alexidin** *etil-hexil-biszguanidin-dihidroklorid*
- Similar effect to Chlorhexidin ,
- locally less irritation ,
- does not contain carcinogenic phenyl groups



# *Bisbiguanid derivatives*

*second generation chemoprophylactic agents* .

- **Chlorhexidin**
- Broad spectrum antiseptic
- Effective against Gram negative and Gram-positive microorganisms
- Proportionally decrease the whole oral bacterial count
- Effective against anaerobs and *Streptococcus mutans* ,
- Clinically improves plaque and gingivitis indices

# *Bisbiguanid derivatives*

*second generation chemoprophylactic agents.*

- **Chlorhexidin**
- Molecules attach to the negatively charged surfaces – hydroxyapatite, acquired dental pellicle, mucosa
- from this bond the active molecules slowly released
- After a single rinse approx. 30% of molecules adhere to the surfaces and can sustain inhibitory concentration for at least over 12 hours
- Chlorhexidin rinsing twice a day can sustain permanent anti-plaque effect in oral cavity

# *Bisbiguanid derivatives*

## *second generation chemoprophylactic agents*

- **Chlorhexidin**
- Several side effects
- Discoloration
- Taste disturbances
- Glossitis
- After long term use, mucosal chronic irritation can occur. .



## Antibiotics as chemoprophylac agents

- Should be selective against plaque bacteria
- Will not be used in other systemic disorders
- Non toxic ,
- Has no cumulative or chronic irritative effect
- Does not develop bacterial resistance
- Does not act as an allergen ,
- Has a substantive effect
- Today there is no ideal agent

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# Periodontal chemotherapy

- **Can be administered :**
- **Locally ,**
- **per os**
- **Parenterally**

# **BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PERIODONTAL ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY**

- **Definitive periodontal diagnosis**
- **Only in active disease stage is to be used**
- **Preferably bacteriological testing**
- **Antibiotic therapy is not a monotherapy**
- **Systemic treatment can be completed by antiseptics (Chlorhexidine, Betadine, Tetracyclin etc.)**
- **Antibiotics can be used before surgery and postoperatively to improve periodontal wound healing**
- **.**

# Metronidazol (Klion)

- It is not a real antibiotic.
- *Nitroimidazol* derivative originally was used against protozoa
- It is effective against the most obligatory anaerobic microorganisms,
- It has a bactericide effect - blocks DNA synthesis
- Effective against most periodontopathogenic organisms (*P. gingivalis*, *P. intermedia*, *T. forsythia*),
- It does not kill *A. actinomycetemcomitans* and other facultative anaerobic bacteria
- In these cases it should be given in combination with others



# Metronidazol (Klion)

- Daily dose 2x250 mg, 3x250mg
- Clinical studies indicated that daily 500-750mg metronidazol combined with subgingival SRP was superior to only mechanical SRP alone .

# Penicillin derivatives

- Penicillin is not indicated against periodontal infections
- Only synthetic amoxicillin or clavunated amoxicillin (Augmentin) are effective

# **Amoxicillin:**

- **Broad spectrum semi-synthetic penicillin**
- **Effective against both Gram – and Gram + bacteria**
- **Penicillinase , beta-lactamase producing bacteria inactivates its effect**
- **Indication: aggressive periodontitis and refractory periodontitis can be combined with metronidazole**
- **Infective endocarditis prophylaxis**

# *Amoxicillin:*

- Amoxicillin + acidum clavulanicum penicillinaze resistant
- Broader spectrum .
- Indication: aggressive periodontitis and refractory periodontitis can be combined with metronidazole
- Infective endocarditis prophylaxis (2 g one hour before invasive procedures ).
- Dose: - 3x 375mg/day – 3x625mg/day for one week .

# Tetracyclin

- Bacteriostatic agent
- Effective against both Gram +, and Gram –
- Crevicular fluid concentration is 2-10 fold higher than serum concentration
- It can inhibit *A. actinomycetemcomitans* at relatively low sulcus fluid concentration (4ug/m
- At very low concentration can inhibit bacterial and tissue collagenase enzyme activity and indirectly decrease tissue damage during inflammation.

# *Tetracyclin*

- Semi-synthetic agents
- doxycylin,
- vibramycin
- minocyclin .

# *Tetracyclin*

- ***Doxycyclin***
- In vivo its absorption is unpredictable
- Its great advantage that only one tablet is to be taken daily.
- Dose: as antibiotic – first day 2x100mg, and than 100mg/ day .
- Dose: as anti collagenaze : 2x 20mg/ day  
*doxycyclin hyclat Periostat (USA)* .

# *Clindamycin (Dalacin C)*

- Effective against the most periodontopathogenic microorganisms
- Concentrated in the bone
- Higher than serum concentration in periodontal tissue and sulcus
- Strong gastrointestinal side effects  
pseudomembranous colitis can occur



# Ciprofloxamin (Ciprobay)

- Today all *A. actinomycetemcomitans* clonal forms are sensitive
- Strongly inhibits *A. actinomycetemcomitans* cell division but has minimal effect on commensal oral bacteria
- It is very effective to restore the normal composition of oral subgingival and supragingival bacterial flora,
- Daily dose 2x 250-500 mg.

# Local antibiotic therapy

- 1000 mg Tetracycline given per os can only produce 10ug/ml sulcular concentration while the minimal effective concentration should be 30ug/ml
- A microflora in deep pockets cannot be influenced with mouth rinses
- The supragingival plaque control has minimal effect on the composition of subgingival biofilm located deeper than 1-2 mm

# *Actisite:*

- tetracycline incorporated into etilen-vinil-copolimer fiber .
- A 250 mm cord contains 12,7mg tetracycline
- The Actisite fiber can be applied like the gingival retraction cords .
- Treatment last for 8-10 days.
- The local TCL concentration achieved is 1000-1200ug/ml in the sulcus .



## *Slowly absorbed antibiotic gels :*

- Doxycyclin gel (Atridox 10% doxycyclin),
- Metronidazol gel (Elyzol 25% metronidazol),
- They are not available in Hungary .
- Ebrimycin gel ( primicynum sulfuricum) had been successfully used for topical pocket therapy

# *Local antiseptics in the pocket*

- Corsodyl gel 1%.
- *Periochips* 2,5 mg chlorhexidin incorporated into hydrolyzed gelatin –pellets (chips)
- In deep pockets can sustain 100ug/ml concentration in crevicular fluid

# *Periochips*

