


# 'Peri-implantitis'


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Module 5

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## Aims & Objectives

- What is peri-implantitis?
- Does it even exist?
- Is it a separate disease entity
- The possible causes
- Management of peri-implantitis




## What is peri-implantitis?

**Definition:**  
Inflammatory disease of the tissues 'around the implant'




## What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implant mucositis:**  
Inflammatory disease of the soft tissues 'around the implant'




## What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implantitis:**  
Loss of hard tissue around implant



## What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implantitis:**  
Bone level loss with soft tissue recession



What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implantitis:**  
Bone level loss without soft tissue recession

What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implantitis:**  
Progression leads to implant loss

What is peri-implantitis?

**Peri-implantitis:**  
The numbers.....

10% of implants  
20% of patients

Derks and Tomasi 2015  
Mombelli et al 2012

What are the risks?

**Peri-implant mucositis:**  
The numbers.....

43% of implants

Derks and Tomasi 2015  
Mombelli et al 2012

The problem?

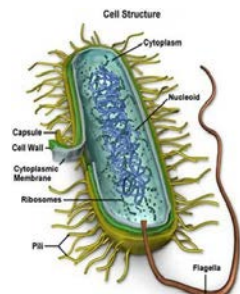
- Associated strongly with late term implant loss
- Peak incidence is at 7 years post-surgery
- Aetiology not agreed
- Treatment not agreed
- Prevention not agreed
- Is it even a true distinct disease?

The 3 'camps' on causation and treatment

**The Periodontal Theory**

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Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

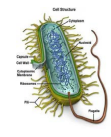


- Caused by bacterial infection
- Similar pathogens to periodontal disease
- Susceptible individuals - ? host response
- PIM in about 80% of patients (50% of sites)
- PI in 28%-56% of patients (12-40% of sites)
- Similar risk factors to periodontal disease

Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**Peri-implant diseases: Consensus Report of the Sixth European Workshop on Periodontology**


**Journal of Clinical Periodontology**  
 Special Issue: The 6<sup>th</sup> European Workshop on Periodontology,  
[Volume 35, Issue Supplement s8, pages 282-285, September 2008](#)



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**Peri-implant mucositis:**


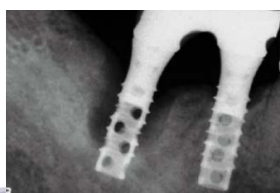
Peri-implant mucositis may be identified clinically by redness and swelling of the soft tissue, but bleeding on probing is currently recognized as the important feature.



Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**Peri-implantitis:**

In peri-implantitis, the mucosal lesion is often associated with suppuration and deepened pockets, but always accompanied by loss of supporting marginal bone.

Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**Prevalence of PIM and PI:**

There is limited data available related to the prevalence of peri-implant disease. Thus, the search could identify only three cross-sectional reports including two subject samples presenting information on only one implant system.

- PIM in about 80% of patients (50% of sites)
- PI in 28% - 56% of patients (12-40% of sites)

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**Diagnosis of PIM and PI:**

Use of gentle periodontal probing and radiographs.

These are generic diseases affecting ALL implant systems

- BOP/suppuration only = peri-implant mucositis
- BOP/suppuration + bone loss after 1 year = peri-implantitis

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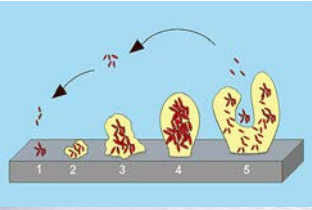
**Causation:**

PIM and PI are opportunistic bacterial infections

- A change in the environment allows normally present bacteria to cause pathogenic infection.
- Start with biofilm formation

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- Biofilm matures into a complex structured environment with the intake of nutrient supplies, cross feeding and waste elimination.
- The pathogens within the biofilm are in a so called "protected niche."
- The biofilm offers some resistance to antibiotics so in order to be effective, high doses would be required. Low doses will only contribute to the resistance.



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**Risk factors:**

Susceptibility to peri-implant disease. We carry this for life - just as for periodontal disease.

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**Risk factors:**

Very similar to periodontal disease

- Poor oral hygiene
- Unhygienic prosthesis design - hard to clean an implant which can not be seen!
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- Previous history of periodontal disease
- Genetic factors
- ? implant surface factors (rough surfaces??)

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**Risk factors:**

GOOD evidence of association:

- Poor oral hygiene
- Smoking (cigarette)
- Previous history of periodontal disease

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**Risk factors:**  
 LIMITED evidence of association:

- Alcohol consumption
- Diabetes

Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**Risk factors:**  
 POOR/CONFLICTING evidence of association:

- Genetic traits
- Implant surface design/roughness

Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**PREVENTION:**  
 Aim is to eliminate/disturb the biofilm:

- Excellent mechanical daily debridement
- Eliminate reservoirs for reinfection (treat rest of mouth!)
- Stop smoking!
- Regular reviews
- Annual PA radiographs

Peri-implantitis as a 'periodontal disease'

**TREATMENT:**  
 PERI-IMPLANT MUCOSITIS:

- Standard non surgical perio treatment
- WITH ADJUNCTIVE antimicrobial mouthrinses

CURRENT EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT NON SURGICAL THERAPY FOR THE TREATMENT OF PERI-IMPLANT MUCOSITIS IS UNPREDICTABLE!

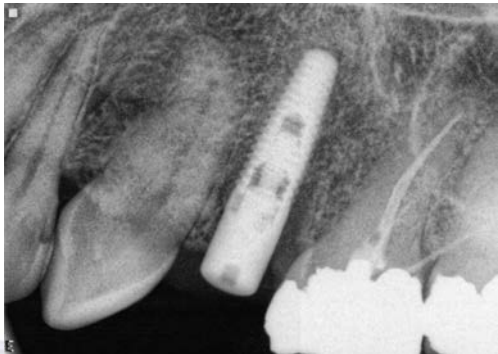
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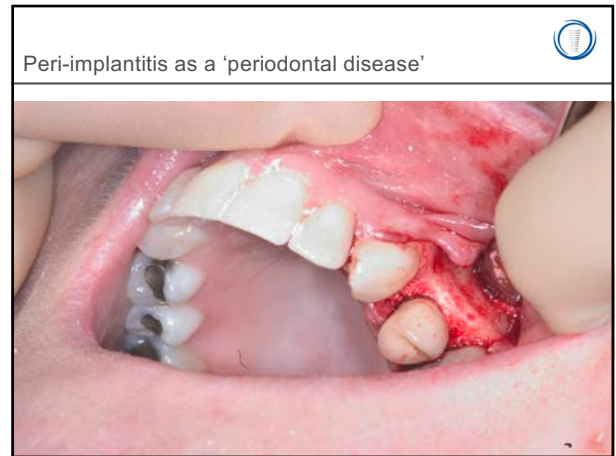
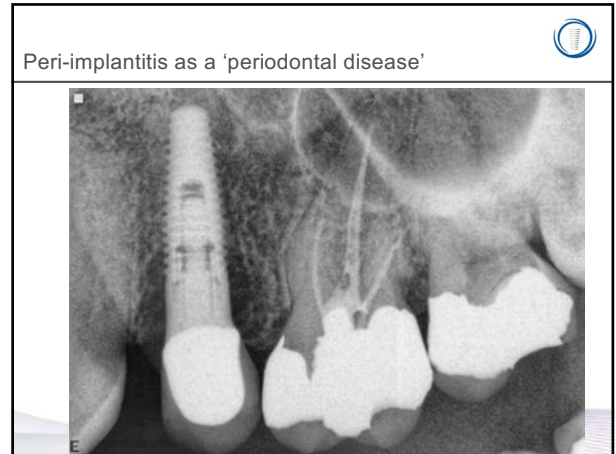
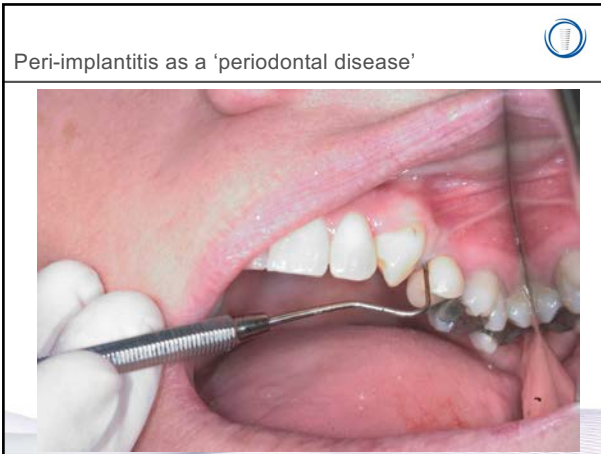
**TREATMENT:**  
 PERI-IMPLANTITIS:

- Start with non surgical therapy
- If unstable - commence surgical therapy
- Expose implant surface and debride mechanically
- Disinfect surface (chlorhexidine/dentamycin??)
- GBR defect
- Ensure good access for future OH (eliminate predisposing factors)

(Consensus conference - ADI, London, February 2010)

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**The Occlusion Theory**

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Peri-implantitis as an 'occlusal disease'


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Peri-implantitis as an 'occlusal disease'

- Patients reported as having excellent OH
- No BOP to probing
- No suppuration
- Occlusal interferences and/or parafunctional activity observed




Peri-implantitis as an 'occlusal disease'

- Fibrous 'band' around neck of implant within defect
- Minimal inflammatory cell infiltrate in connective tissue histologically observed in a number of studies
- Few bacteria found in lesions




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Peri-implantitis as an 'occlusal disease'

- Findings replicated in animal studies - usually monkeys
- Marginal bone loss produced in many monkey studies since 1993
- Isidor F. Loss of osseointegration caused by occlusal load of oral implants. Clin Oral Implants Res 1993;7:143-52.




The 'All Wrong' Theory

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The alternative view

**TOMAS ALBREKTSSON (GOTHERBURG):**  
 Studies implicating the bacterial origin and the occlusal biomechanical origin are fundamentally flawed.



The alternative view

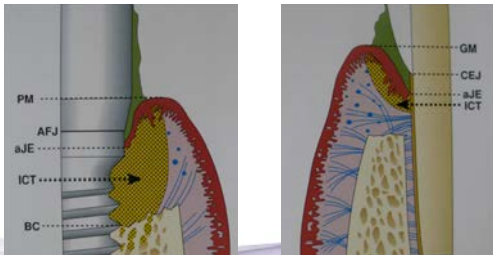
**BACTERIAL ORIGIN (PERIO THEORY) STUDIES:**

Animal studies and observational cross-sectional studies

- Animal studies using dogs
- Ligatures placed around implants, resulting in 'peri-implantitis' lesions in a few weeks
- Non surgical treatment of peri-implantitis in humans unpredictable with low success rates (unlike treatment of periodontitis)
- Periodontitis normally preceded/accompanied by gingivitis. Not necessary for peri-implantitis
- Histology of lesions differ
- Cross-sectional studies unreliable

The alternative view

**Histology of periodontal and peri-implantitis lesions:**  
 Significant differences



The alternative view

**Cross-sectional studies:**

Incidence of periodontitis related to peri-implantitis. Patients with a history of periodontitis also had a higher incidence of peri-implantitis.


Very few studies with small sample populations

Variables not necessarily showing a cause/effect relationship

The alternative view

**The stalk theory of human child birth:**


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**The stalk theory of human child birth - the proof!**

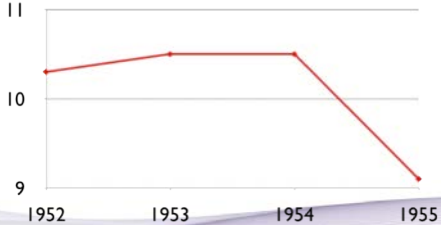
In 1955, the population of the White Stalk in Sweden dropped dramatically in just a single season.



The alternative view

**The stalk theory of human child birth - the proof!**

In 1955, the Swedish live human birth rate (per 1,000 women) fell dramatically.



Year	Birth rate (per 1,000 women)
1952	10.3
1953	10.5
1954	10.5
1955	9.1

The alternative view

**University of Gothenburg 2008 audit:**

Is peri-implant bone loss a poor healing adaptation response caused by poor surgical technique?

- Found that 40% of their own implant failures occurred with just one surgeon
- The same surgeon also had a much higher rate of long term 'peri-implant' bone loss

(Chvartsaid et al 2008)

The alternative view

**Things to think about:**

Peri-implantitis is an incorrect term.....

- Should be called 'peri-implant disease'
- Differentiate between peri-implant mucositis and peri-implant bone loss
- NOT a separate disease entity
- A clinical sign with a number of potentially separate causes (just like a cough!)

Time for a name change?

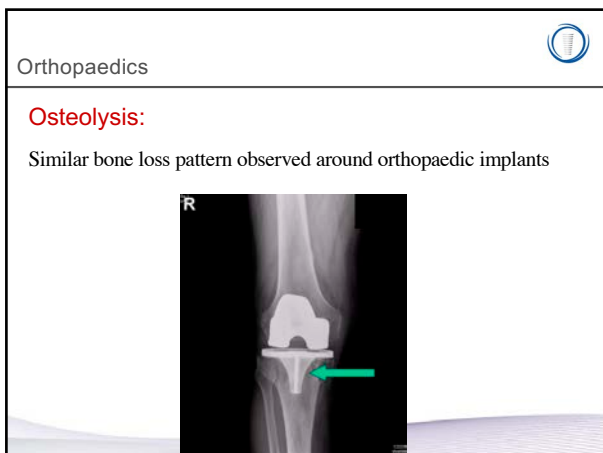
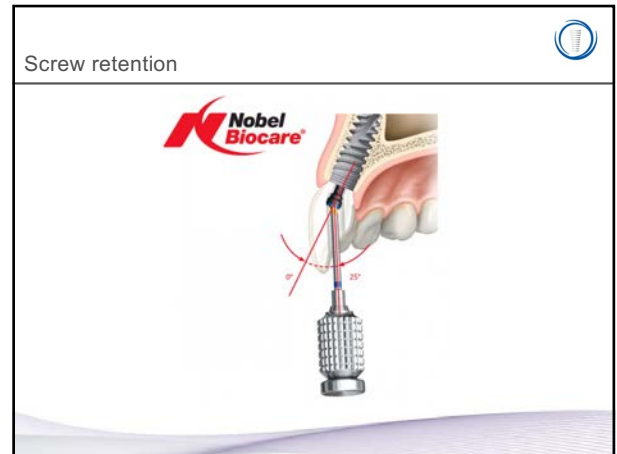
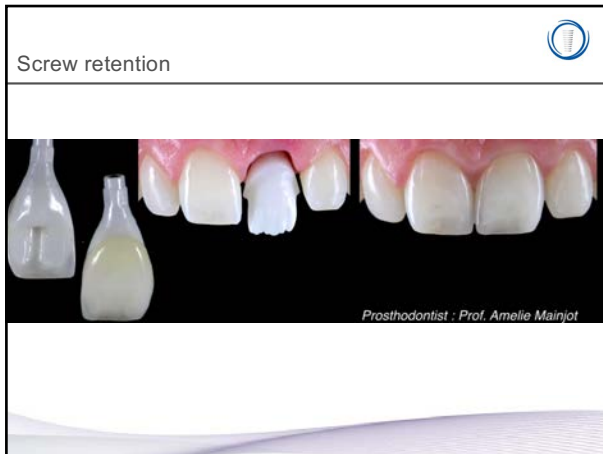
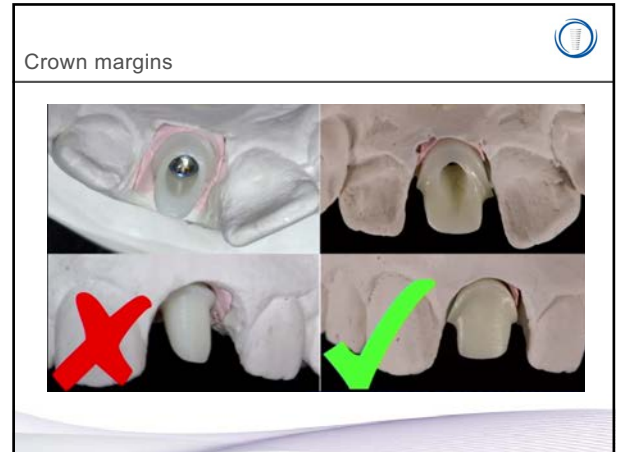
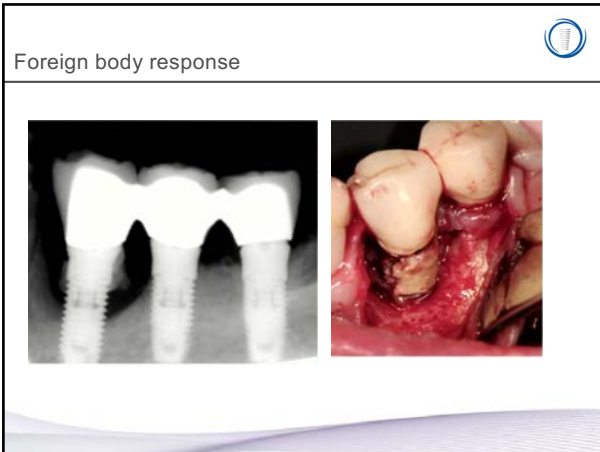
# Peri-implant osteolysis

The alternative view

**Possible causes of peri-implant osteolysis:**

Peri-implantitis is an incorrect term.....

- Bacterial
- Occlusal overloading (bruxists etc)
- Poor surgical technique (overheating???)
- Poor implant positioning
- Foreign body response
- Allergy?????



Guidelines




Conclusion

**Clinical Implications:**

- Regular reviews (at least annually)
- Always examine **gently** with a periodontal probe - assess PD **changes**, BOP, suppuration
- Annual PA radiographs
- Warn patients about peri-implant disease in initial consent and about need to continual long term monitoring
- Monitor oral hygiene
- Review occlusion - especially in tooth wear cases
- Warn smokers and diabetics
- Use gentle drilling technique with copious irrigation

TREATMENT

**Peri-implant mucositis:**

- Oral hygiene assessment and instruction
- Implant surface debridement
- Adjunct antimicrobial treatment (Dentamycin etc)
- ? adjustment of prosthesis design around implant abutment

TREATMENT

**Peri-implant bone loss:**

- Address occlusal issues, tooth wear etc
- Commence non-surgical therapy
- If not responding lift flap for surgical access
- Debride & disinfect implant surfaces
- Augment defects with GBR techniques – Fortoss Vital™ is good for this
- Ensure good access for cleaning postoperatively
- Warn patient prognosis unpredictable

Consensus Report of the Sixth European Workshop on Periodontology - 2009

**Lindhe & Meyle concluded :**

Long-term studies on the treatment of peri-implantitis were not available. Limited evidence from one single case series indicates that surgical treatment including implant surface decontamination and systemic antibiotics resolved a number of lesions. During the 5 years of follow-up, however, 7 implants in 4 patients were lost and 4 implants exhibited disease progression. In 6 sites, new bone formation could be observed.

Cochrane Review 2012

There is no reliable evidence suggesting which could be the most effective interventions for treating peri-implantitis.



Follow-up longer than 1 year suggested recurrence of peri-implantitis in up to 100% of the treated cases for some of the tested interventions.



**THE END**