



PERIODONTITIS: GRADING

Grading aims to indicate the rate of periodontitis progression, responsiveness to standard therapy, and potential impact on systemic health.

Clinicians should initially assume grade B disease and seek specific evidence to shift to grade A or C.

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	Progression		Grade A: Slow rate	Grade B: Moderate rate	Grade C: Rapid rate
Primary criteria	Direct evidence of progression	Radiographic bone loss or CAL	No loss over 5 years	<2 mm over 5 years	≥2 mm over 5 years
	<i>Whenever available, direct evidence should be used.</i>	Indirect evidence of progression	% bone loss / age	<0.25	0.25 to 1.0
Case phenotype		Heavy biofilm deposits with low levels of destruction	Heavy biofilm deposits with low levels of destruction	Destruction commensurate with biofilm deposits	Destruction exceeds expectations given biofilm deposits; specific clinical patterns suggestive of periods of rapid progression and/or early onset disease
Grade modifiers	Risk factors	Smoking	Non-smoker	<10 cigarettes/day	≥10 cigarettes/day
		Diabetes	Normoglycemic/no diagnosis of diabetes	HbA1c <7.0% in patients with diabetes	HbA1c ≥7.0% in patients with diabetes

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Staging and Grading Periodontitis



The 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions resulted in a new classification of periodontitis characterized by a multidimensional staging and grading system. The charts below provide an overview. Please visit perio.org/2017wwdc for the complete suite of reviews, case definition papers, and consensus reports.

PERIODONTITIS: STAGING

Staging intends to classify the severity and extent of a patient's disease based on the measurable amount of destroyed and/or damaged tissue as a result of periodontitis and to assess the specific factors that may attribute to the complexity of long-term case management.

Initial stage should be determined using clinical attachment loss (CAL). If CAL is not available, radiographic bone loss (RBL) should be used. Tooth loss due to periodontitis may modify stage definition. One or more complexity factors may shift the stage to a higher level. See perio.org/2017wwdc for additional information.

	Periodontitis	Stage I	Stage II	Stage III	Stage IV
Severity	Interdental CAL (at site of greatest loss)	1 – 2 mm	3 – 4 mm	≥5 mm	≥5 mm
	RBL	Coronal third (<15%)	Coronal third (15% - 33%)	Extending to middle third of root and beyond	Extending to middle third of root and beyond
	Tooth loss (due to periodontitis)	No tooth loss		≤4 teeth	≥5 teeth
Complexity	Local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max. probing depth ≤4 mm Mostly horizontal bone loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max. probing depth ≤5 mm Mostly horizontal bone loss 	In addition to Stage II complexity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Probing depths ≥6 mm Vertical bone loss ≥3 mm Furcation involvement Class II or III Moderate ridge defects 	In addition to Stage III complexity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for complex rehabilitation due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masticatory dysfunction Secondary occlusal trauma (tooth mobility degree ≥2) Severe ridge defects Bite collapse, drifting, flaring < 20 remaining teeth (10 opposing pairs)
Extent and distribution	Add to stage as descriptor	For each stage, describe extent as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localized (<30% of teeth involved); Generalized; or Molar/incisor pattern 			