ROLE OF HYGIENIST

- Education about appropriate oral health self-care.
- Provide periodic oral examinations.
- Provide early intervention and preventive care services.
- Demonstrate to the patient that you want to provide him/her with the best treatment.
- Ensure patients' comfort so he/she feel motivated to revisit and assess his/ her progress.
- Proper infection control to prevent spread of pathogenic microbes
- Remind patient that oral disease leads to systemic disease (and vice versa in some cases)

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Linking the periodontopathic bacterium P. gingivalis with the reactivation of latent HIV infected individuals

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WHAT IS P. GINGIVALIS

*Porphyromonas gingivalis is a gram negative anaerobic bacterium belonging to the phylum Bacteroidetes.

*It is known to cause gingivitis (inflammation of gingiva) and periodontitis (inflammation of the periodontium or other supporting tissues).

*It is normally found within the mouth, GI tract and colon.

*Works with other bacteria to create plaque biofilm subgingivally, replacing the gram positive facultative bacteria

Direct link between P. gingivalis and HIV

*Porphyromonas gingivalis, can activate TLR2, TLR4, and TLR9 (influencing the production of cytokines and chemokines).

*These TLRs are involved in HIV-1 reactivation. Bacteria associated with oral and systemic chronic inflammatory disorders enhance HIV-1 reactivation in monocytes/macrophages through TLR2 and TLR9 activation. Specifically HIV-1 promoter activity was increased when BF24 and THP89GFP monocytes/macrophages were introduced to periodontal pathogens.

*Butyric acid, an endotoxin from P. gingivitis inhibits HDAC enzyme activity and stimulating transcription of HIV gene

WHAT IS HIV

*HIV(human immunodeficiency virus) is a lentivirus that is known to cause Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome(AIDS) a condition that specifically affects humans by suppressing their immune system

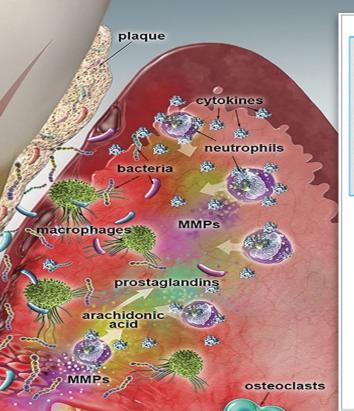
*HIV is transmitted via bodily fluids inside the blood stream and infects the key component of the immune system, including but not limited to the macrophage cells

*Currently there is no cure for HIV however there are medications to suppress the virus and ease symptoms

NECROTIZING GINGIVITIS IN HIV

PLAQUE BIOFILM IN THE MOUTH

<u>REACTIVATION OF LATENT HIV</u>



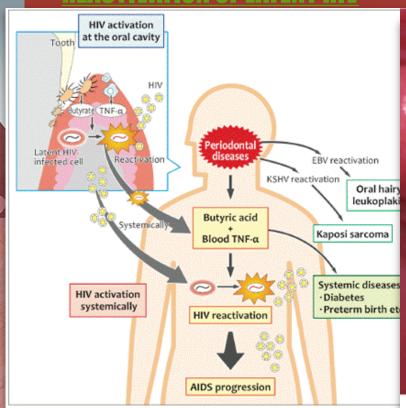


Figure 4 - Necrotizing gingivitis in HIV disease