

## Periodontal inflammation and infection

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**Project description:** The study objects are periodontal infection and infection-induced inflammation, oral biofilm-host interaction, impact of periodontal disease on systemic conditions, and salivary diagnostics in periodontology. A major part of our research is directed to the use of saliva in large-scale studies to detect the inflammatory process, including alveolar bone destruction, and associated factors of innate immunity with the help of salivary biomarkers and/or bacterial combinations. Another research line is basic laboratory work, where our interest is the interaction of oral anaerobes and biofilms with host cells of the periodontium.

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