

Periodontal Disease Resource Center

Our focus is often on gum disease and Diabetes, but in reality, periodontal disease affects a host of other diseases. This is because Periodontal Disease is a chronic, progress, inflammatory disease that affects the entire body. In recent years, science has examined the relationship between gum disease and many other common diseases. In some cases, as with Diabetes, the relationships have been well explored. Other interactions have been less explored, but may still be significant.

The following links discuss known relationships between Periodontal Disease and other common conditions. Each link summarizes our understanding of these interrelationships. In most cases, studies have verified statistically significant increases in the incidence of these diseases when Periodontal Disease is present. The strength of the statistical results and the increased risk associated with gum disease is also summarized at the top of each section.

- [Cardiovascular Disease \(CVD\)](#)
 - [Stroke/Cerebro-Vascular Accidents \(CVA\)](#)
 - [Coronary Heart Disease \(CHD\)](#)
- [Complications of Pregnancy](#)
- [Diabetes Mellitus](#)
- [Osteoporosis](#)
- [Pneumonia and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease \(COPD\)](#)
- [Rheumatoid Arthritis \(RA\)](#)