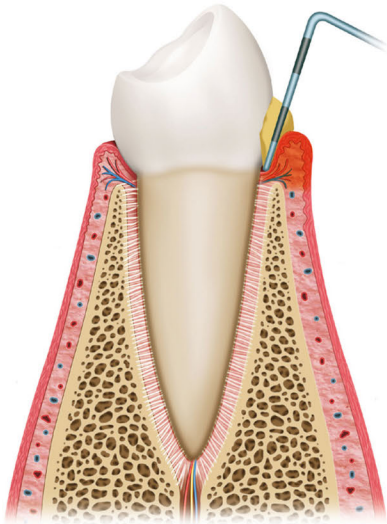


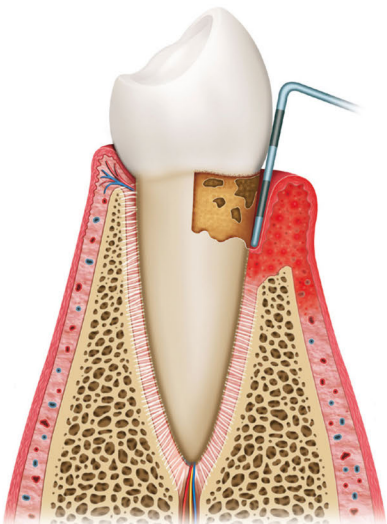
Stages of periodontal diseases



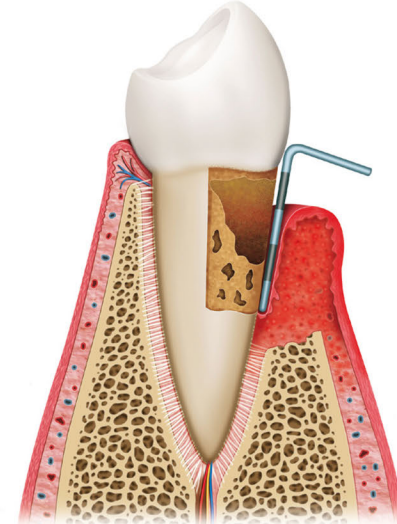
Healthy gums and supporting tissue (left)
Gingivitis – superficial inflammation caused by dental plaque, leading to reversible swelling and bleeding (right)



Gingivitis and periodontitis - initial destruction of the supporting bone and periodontal ligament (irreversible) leading to the formation of pockets



Progressive gingivitis and periodontitis – leading to further destruction of the supporting bone and deepening of pockets



Progressive gingivitis, periodontitis and recession - bone and periodontal ligament destruction can lead to tooth mobility and eventual loss

Note that the left hand side of each image illustrates healthy gums and supporting tissues.