



WHAT IS PERIODONTAL DISEASE?

Periodontal disease is a long-term infection of the gums that damages the tissue and bone holding your teeth in place and can lead to loose teeth or tooth loss if not treated.

SYMPTOMS



Although periodontal disease is generally painless, it's important to watch out for these symptoms:



Bleeding, swollen gums



Bad breath



Loose teeth



Receding gums



Discomfort after eating



Problems chewing

RISK FACTORS

Some people are more likely to get periodontitis than others, this likelihood of developing the disease is affected by the following risk factors:



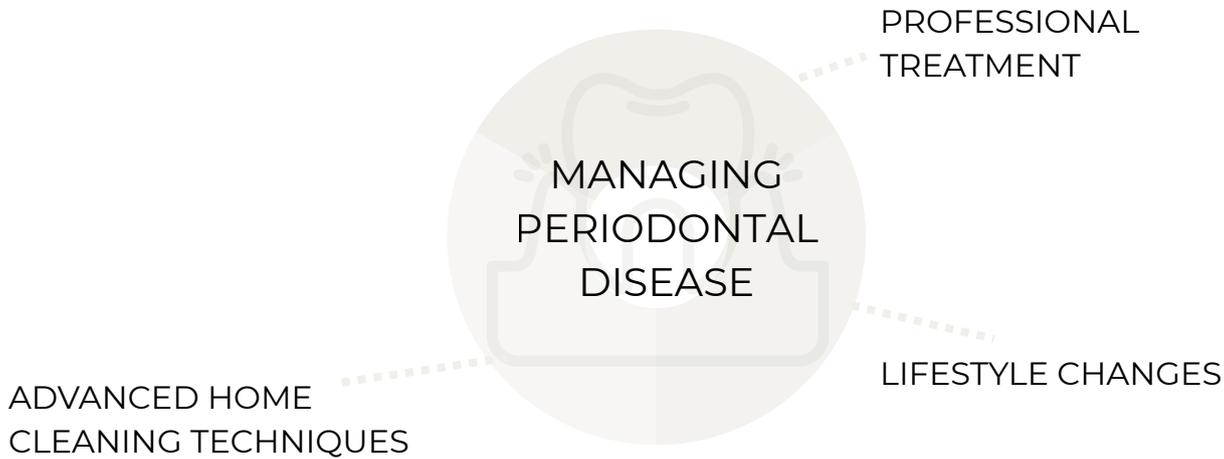
50%

of people will be affected by periodontal disease

TREATMENT

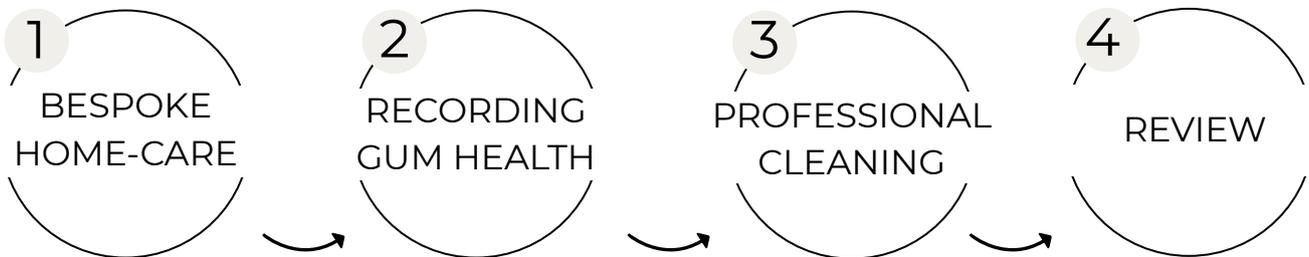


Periodontitis can be treated, however, managing your risk factors is the key to keeping periodontitis under control. The diagram below shows the 3 key factors in managing periodontal disease.



TREATMENT PLAN STAGES

A combination of therapies is used to manage periodontal disease:



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Hi, I'm Dr Fergus. I've created this document to give you a short intro in periodontitis (also known as periodontal disease, or gum disease).

I work extensively in the field of periodontology and help patients improve their gum health through education, managing complex gum disease and treating issues such as gum recession.

I look forward to working with you to manage your periodontitis.