



Effect of Smoking on Oral Health

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The effects of smoking, especially if prolonged over time, cause significant alterations in oral health. Risk of periodontitis and teeth missing is increased significantly by long-term smoking, poor oral hygiene, and poor diet. The destruction of periodontal tissue by smoking and the unfavorable clinical course of periodontal disease have been reported in cigarette-smoking patients. Data from existing studies point to smoking and diabetes as biological-associated factors for peri-implantitis. In addition, smoking is a risk factor for persistent oral HPV and candida infection, and oral HPV infection may be associated with increased concentrations of salivary IgG and lysozyme. Smoking is also a risk factor in numerous pathologies of the oral mucosa, such as oral cancer. This Special Issue of the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)* focuses on the current state of knowledge on the links between smoking and human health. New research papers, reviews, case reports, and conference papers are welcome to this issue.





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