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Latest Research

- 1 Diseases with at least minimal evidence of an association with periodontitis include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pneumonia, chronic kidney disease, rheumatoid arthritis, cognitive impairment, obesity, metabolic syndrome and cancer.

Periodontitis and Systemic Diseases: A Record of Discussions of Working Group 4 of the Joint EFP/AAP Workshop on Periodontitis and Systemic Diseases.

Linden GJ, *et al. J Periodontol.* 2013;84(4 Suppl):S20–S23.

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- 2 The rate of ACPA positivity in unaffected FDRs of RA patients with a high prevalence of the SE and smoking was 48%, whereas ACPAs were rare in the healthy controls. ACPAs in the FDRs of RA patients were most commonly of the IgA isotype.

Anti-citrullinated Protein Antibodies in Unaffected First-Degree Relatives of Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients.

Barra L, *et al. Arthritis Rheum.* 2013;65(6):1439–1447.

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- 3 Non-surgical periodontal treatment may prove beneficial in reducing RA severity as measured by ESR, CRP, TNF- levels in serum and DAS28 in low or moderate to highly active RA patients with chronic periodontitis.

Effects of Periodontal Therapy on Disease Activity and Systemic Inflammation in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients.

Erciyas K, *et al. Oral Dis.* 2013;19(4):394–400.

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- 4 While other respiratory exposures may be associated with increased risk of RA, the study data suggest that ambient particulate matter (PM) is not associated with autoantibodies and joint signs among individuals without RA, but at increased risk of developing RA.

Relationship between Air Pollution and Positivity of RA-related Autoantibodies in Individuals without Established RA: A Report on SERA.

Gan RW, *et al. Ann Rheum Dis.* 2013 Apr 9. [Epub ahead of print]

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