

**The Penn Periodontal Conference**  
Monday, July 28, 2025 - Friday, August 1, 2025

**MONDAY, 7/28/2025**

8:30 am	<b>Welcome to Philadelphia and the Penn Periodontal Conference</b>
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**AM SESSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session: Microbiology | Moderator: Jeff Ebersole

8:40 am	<i>Patricia Diaz</i> <i>"Oral and gut dysbiosis: part of the same axis?"</i>
9:00 am	<i>Juhi Bagaitkar</i> <i>"P. gingivalis and Immune Subversion"</i>
9:20 am	<i>Gina Lewin</i> <i>"Functional and genomic heterogeneity in oral microbe-microbe interactions"</i>
9:40 am	<i>Octavio Gonzalez</i> <i>"The role of Phospholipase A2-IIA in Oral Dysbiosis and Periodontal Disease"</i>
10:05 am	Q&A
10:15 am	Coffee Break and Informal Discussions

2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session: Systemic Disease | Moderator: Tom Van Dyke

11:00 am	<i>Dana Graves</i> <i>"scRNA-seq Analysis Reveals the Key Role of DCs and gd T-cells in Diabetes-exacerbated Periodontitis"</i>
11:20 am	<i>Francesco D'Aiuto</i> <i>"Targeting Periodontitis to Improve Systemic Health: Lessons from Host Response &amp; Cardiometabolic Interventions"</i>
11:40 am	<i>Hatice Hasturk</i> <i>"Inflammation in Periodontal Tissues and Joints in Rheumatoid Arthritis"</i>
12:00 pm	<i>Effie Ioannidou</i> <i>"Unraveling the Periodontal-Kidney Connection: Enhancing Reporting and Methodological Standards, Refining Clinical Strategies, and Charting Future Directions"</i>
12:20 pm	Q&A
12:30 pm	Lunch (on your own) and Informal Discussions

**PM SESSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Afternoon Session: Pathogenesis | Moderator: Shannon Wallet

2:00 pm	<i>George Hajishengallis</i> <i>"Inflammatory memory and clonal hematopoiesis in periodontitis"</i>
2:20 pm	<i>Flora Momen-Heravi</i>

	<i>“Role of Double-Negative T Cells in Periodontitis and Systemic Co-Morbidities”</i>
2:40 pm	Chider Chen <i>“Adipose-Derived Cxcl12 Regulates Osteoclastogenesis for Bone Tissue Homeostasis”</i>
3:00 pm	Eric Larson – single cell analysis – hardware and bioinformatics <i>“Complex biology deciphered with spatial transcriptomics”</i>
3:20 pm	Q&A
3:30 pm	Coffee Break and Informal Discussions

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Session: Pathogenesis | Moderator: Jeff Ebersole

4:00 pm	Alp Kantarci <i>“Host-microbe interactions in aging and periodontal disease”</i>
4:20 pm	Keith Kirkwood <i>“Immunoaging Myeloid Cell Dysfunction in Periodontal Disease”</i>
4:40 pm	Esra Sahingur <i>“Connecting Inflammation, Metabolism and Senescence in Periodontal Health-Pathogenesis to Intervention”</i>
5:00 pm	Luciana Shaddox <i>“Molar incisor pattern periodontitis: what have we learned so far and where are we going? “</i>
5:20 pm	Adjourn

## **TUESDAY, 7/29/2025**

### **Keynote Lecture**

8:30 am	John Seykora MD, PhD single cell analysis of SCC and dermal inflammation
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### **AM SESSION**

**1<sup>st</sup>** Morning Session: Microbiology | Moderator: Shannon Wallet

9:30 am	Flavia Teles <i>"Unraveling Clinical and Molecular Pathways of Periodontitis Progression"</i>
9:50 am	Gilad Bachrach <i>"Targeting Fusobacterium nucleatum Transforms Cold Tumors into Hot Ones"</i>
10:10 am	Nezar Al Hebshi <i>"Carcinogenic properties of Fusobacterium nucleatum strains isolated from patients with oral dysplasia"</i>
10:30 am	Wim Teughels <i>"From Microbial Myths to Clinical Milestones Through Probiotics"</i>
10:50 am	Q&A
11:00 am	Coffee Break and Informal Discussions

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Morning Session: Regeneration | Moderator: Tom Van Dyke

11:30 am	Thomas Diekwisch <i>"Peri-implantitis – A Periodontal Dilemma between Oxidative Stress and Epigenetic Dysregulation"</i>
11:50 am	George Kotsakis <i>"Titanium-assisted inflammasome activation is a peri-implant specific inflammatory mechanism perturbing peri-implant tissue homeostasis"</i>
12:10 pm	Flavia Pirih <i>"Unraveling Peri-Implantitis: Insights into Genetic Susceptibility, Systemic Conditions, and the Impact of Medications"</i>
12:30 pm	<b>Selected from abstracts</b>
12:50 pm	Q&A
1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own) and Informal Discussions

Tuesday Afternoon OFF

## WEDNESDAY, 7/30/2025

### Keynote Lecture

8:30 am	Pamela Robey
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### AM SESSION

1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session: Systemic Disease | Moderator: Jeff Ebersole

9:30 am	<i>Modupe Coker</i> <i>Oral Microbiota and Brain Health: Unraveling the Biologic Link in People Living With HIV</i>
9:50 am	<i>Ryan Demmer</i> <i>"Periodontitis and Impaired Glucose Regulation: Establishing Causality and Identifying Effective Interventions in at Risk Populations"</i>
10:10 am	<i>Ann Griffen</i> <i>"Diabetes Reversal and the Oral Microbiome"</i>
10:30 am	<b>Selected from abstracts</b>
10:50 am	Q&A
11:00 am	Coffee Break and Informal Discussions

2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session: Microbiology | Moderator: Shannon Wallet

11:30 am	<i>Richard Lamont</i> <i>"Why is P. gingivalis not a pathogen (most of the time)"</i>
11:50 pm	<i>Akintunde Emiola</i> <i>"Development of Porphyromonas gingivalis-specific inhibitors"</i>
12:10 pm	<i>Hansel Fletcher</i> <i>"Essentials for virulence regulation in oral anaerobes"</i>
12:30 pm	<i>Jan Potempa</i> <i>"Dirty Games Periodontal Pathogens Play with Neutrophils"</i>
12:50 pm	<b>Selected from abstracts</b>
1:10 pm	Q&A
1:15 – 2:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)

### PM SESSION

Afternoon Session: Regeneration | Moderator: Tom Van Dyke

2:00 pm	<i>Charles Sfeir</i> <i>"Local Immunomodulatory Treatment of Periodontitis and Peri-implantitis"</i>
2:20 pm	<i>Tomoki Maekawa</i> <i>"Development of DEL-1 Inducers and Their Application to Bone Regeneration Drugs"</i>
2:40 pm	<i>Ko Kang</i> <i>"Fibroblast-derived alarmin controls acute inflammatory response via Treg"</i>

	<i>activation during oral wound healing”</i>
3:00 pm	<i>Joanna Smeeton</i> <i>"Regeneration of joint tissues of the zebrafish craniofacial skeleton"</i>
3:20 pm	<i>Q&amp;A</i>
3:30 pm	<i>Break w/ Beer and Pretzels</i>
4:00 – 6:30 pm	<i>Selected Junior Investigator Talks</i>
6:30 pm	<i>Adjourn</i>

## **THURSDAY, 7/31/2025**

### **AM SESSION**

1<sup>st</sup> Morning Session: Pathogenesis | Moderator Jeff Ebersole

8:30 am	Kevin Byrd <i>"The Meta-architecture of Cell-Cell Communication in Chronic Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases"</i>
8:50 am	Drake Williams <i>"The human oral barrier in situ"</i>
9:10 am	Ana Caetano <i>"Neuroimmune interactions during oral mucosa development and disease"</i>
9:30 am	Stella Alimperti <i>"Regulation of the Epithelial Barrier"</i>
9:50 am	David Fraser <i>"Tissue Specification of Neutrophil States at the Oral Mucosal Barrier"</i>
10:10 am	Q&A
10:15 am	Coffee Break and Informal Discussions

2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Session: Pathogenesis | Moderator: Shannon Wallet

11:00 am	Marco Tizzano <i>"Activation of the bitter taste signaling pathway in gingival cells and macrophages evokes in anti-microbial and anti-inflammatochenry responses in periodontal disease."</i>
11:20 pm	Michael Stolley <i>"Oral-Resident Antiviral T cells in Periodontitis"</i>
11:40 am	Xiaozhe Han <i>"Microbial extracellular vesicles as potential link between periodontal disease and diabetic retinopathy"</i>
12:00 pm	Masayuki Tsukasaki <i>"New insights into inflammatory bone diseases"</i>
12:20 pm	Q&A
12:30 pm	Lunch (on your own) and Informal Discussions

### **AFTERNOON/EVENING**

2:00 pm	Poster Session with Taste of Philly Snacks
4:00 pm	Closing Remarks, Dean Wolff / Tours of Penn Dental Medicine
4:30-7:00 pm	Gala Reception and Dinner

**FRIDAY, 8/1/2025**

Departure