

# Classification System

- 1999 -- AAP held a world conference to review and re-establish the classification of periodontal diseases

# Disease Classifications

What the DH needs to know

# Classification System

- **General framework**
  - Etiology, pathogenesis, treatment
- **Groups similar diseases and conditions**
- **A starting point to help with the periodontal diagnosis**

# Latest Changes

- New Gingival Disease category
- Adult = Chronic
- Juvenile = Aggressive

# Latest Changes

## ■ Eliminated

- Rapidly Progressive Periodontitis
- Prepubertal Periodontitis
  - Recognized as systemic disease manifestation

# Latest Changes

- All categories can now be “refractory” or non-responsive to treatment

# New Classifications

- Nothing revolutionary
- Classifications moving toward based on biological characteristics

# Diagnosis is established by exam

- Exam will identify characteristics of periodontal disease
- Does not tell if there is current breakdown

# Diagnosis is established by exam

- **Periodontal exam**
  - Probing, BOP, mobility, furcation involvement, etc
- **Microbiologic testing of subgingival flora**
- **Genetic susceptibility**
- **Crevicular fluid flow**
  
- **The last three are not commonly used. Why?**