

# Formation of Dental Biofilm Cheat Sheet

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## Biofilm:

- > 3D-structured communities attached to a solid surface
- > Embedded in an exopolysaccharide matrix
- > Biofilm formation is not random follows specific pattern of succession
- > Availability of bacterial species
- > Coaggregation pairings
- > Cell-cell interactions

## Types of Bacterial Interactions:

### Neutralism:

No effect on each other

#### Competition:

2 populations compete for the same nutrients

### Commensalism:

1 benefits from the other with benefactor remaining unaffected

### Mutualism:

Both populations benefits

### Symbiosis:

Obligatory interactions

## Protocooperations:

Facultative interactions

### Syntrophy:

Cross-feeding

## Synergism:

Enhanced production of a certain products

## Ammensalism:

1 population has an indirect negative impact on another

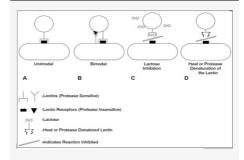
## Predation:

1 organism consumed by another

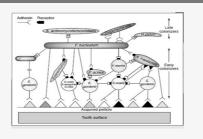
### Parasitism:

1 organism invaded intracellularly by another

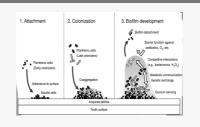
# Interactions:Coaggregating Pairs of Organisms:



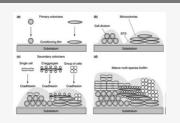
## **Biofilm Formation and Content:**



## Biofilm Formation and Roles of Interactions:



## Increase in Mass of Biofilm:



## Communication in Biofilm:

- > Genetic expression is different in biofilm bacteria when compared to planktonic (free floating )bacteria
- > Biofilm cells can coordinate behavior via intercellular "communication" using biochemical signalling molecules

## Quorum sensing:

- Involves regulation of expression of specific genes through accumulation of signaling compound that mediate intercellular communication
- Dependent on cell density and mediated through signalling compounds
- Quorum sensing gives biofilms their distinct properties

## Involved in the regulation of:

- > Genetic competence
- > Mating
- > Bacteriocin production
- > Sporulation
- > Stress response
- > Virulence expression
- > Biofilm formation
- > Bioluminescence

## **Bottle-Brush Formation:**

### Heterotypic:

- Streptococci with Fusobacterium, Bacteroides, Actinomyces, Campylobacter

## Homotypic:

- Eubacterium yurii, Tannerella

Bottle-Brush in subgingival biofilm: Eubacterium Yurii

## Micrograph Max Listgarten

## Metabolic Relationships:



Metabolic Relationships among oral bacteria within dental biofilm communities,

# Why Study Biofilms:

Know adversaries in order to defeat them.

Development of treatment strategies

Interfere with cell-cell communications (intrageneric and intergeneric)



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