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Air on a fresh breath

The conference theme made me think about what I should call this presentation, hence the somewhat unusual title. Those of you who know music will think of Johann Sebastian Bach and a G-string. Imagine this music being produced by a voice box, and, not how it might sound, but how it might smell. The odour produced by many of the bacterial species that cause periodontal diseases is unpleasant and unmistakable. Today I would like to explore with you:

- The early detection of periodontal disease
- What risk assessment means
- How to manage these diseases in our patients
- Can we rely on antiseptic agents to control periodontal diseases?

Understanding the relationship between causative agents of a disease, and risk factors for that disease, is important in both the early diagnosis and the management of the disease. I hope that with this presentation I can provide some thought provoking information for you, and that following the talk, your understanding of periodontal disease becomes a little clearer.