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**Project Title**

Exploring the biopsychosocial determinants of the oral-systemic health link

**Project Summary**

The relationship between oral and systemic health has become of increasing interest over the past years to clinicians and researchers alike, due to its high relevance to disease prevention and treatment. However, the pathways by which these groups of diseases are linked are not well understood. Social and living conditions have been suggested to be a common pathway to both oral and systemic health conditions through triggering body responses to stress. Our proposed study aims to understand how these social factors contribute to oral and systemic health by assessing the stress and behavioural pathways involved, and further understanding the role of aging by studying the differences in these relationships between age groups in Canadian adults.

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Oral-systemic health, Biopsychosocial pathway