

ESTABLISHMENT OF ORAL BACTERIAL FLORA – AN OVERVIEW

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Until the time of birth the human infant is usually "germfree." The newborn then becomes suddenly exposed to millions of microorganisms, only a small portion of which will become a part of the newborn's normal flora. The oral microbiota is intimately related to oral health. It is generally accepted that a shift in microbial composition is an important step in the progression of oral disease. Most of the previous articles have focused on identification of several species of microbes specially bacteria, which may promote oral diseases such as dental caries, periodontitis etc. However the present article depicts an overview of establishment, maturation and progression of commensal oral bacterial flora in human being.
