



Periodontal Ligament

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Periodontal Ligament

PDL is the soft specialized connective tissue situated between cementum and alveolar bone proper



THICKNESS:

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The thickness of the periodontal ligament ranges from **0.15mm** to **0.38mm** with the average being around **0.21mm**.

The space where the ligament is present is called **periodontal ligament space**.

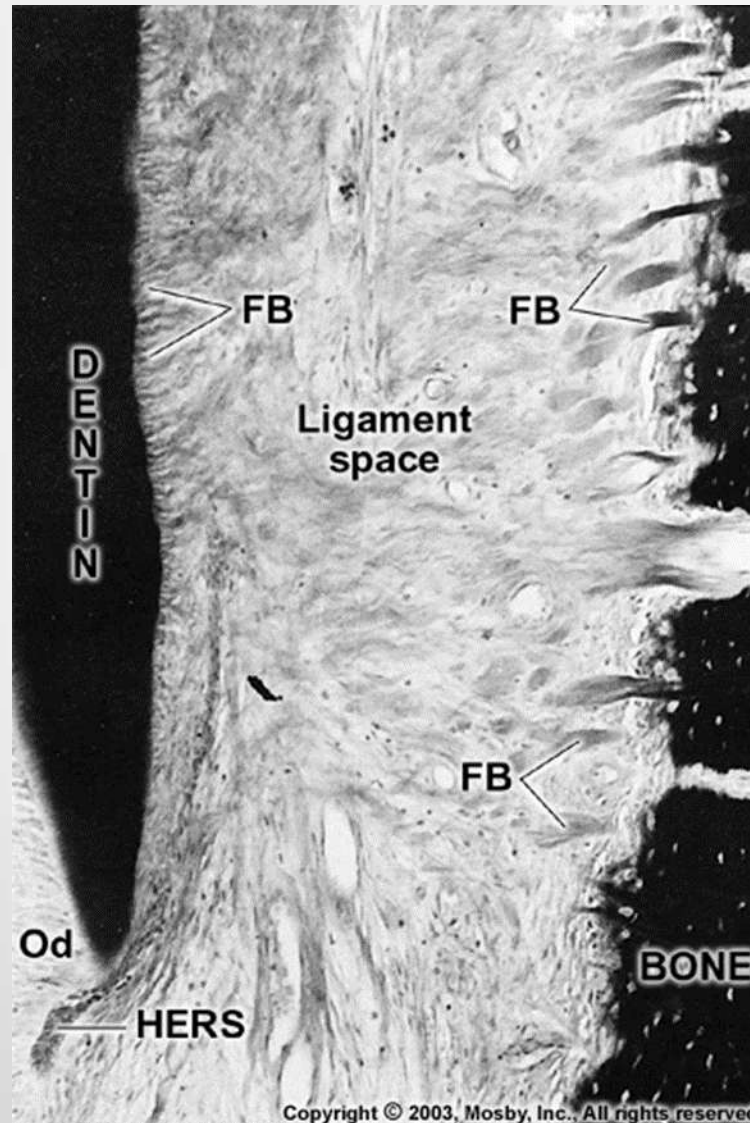
FACTORS AFFECTING THICKNESS:

1. **Age**:-as age increases there is decrease in thickness
2. **Region of presence** It is thinnest at the mid root and the apical

Occlusal load:- periodontal space is more in molars due to higher occlusal load on these teeth



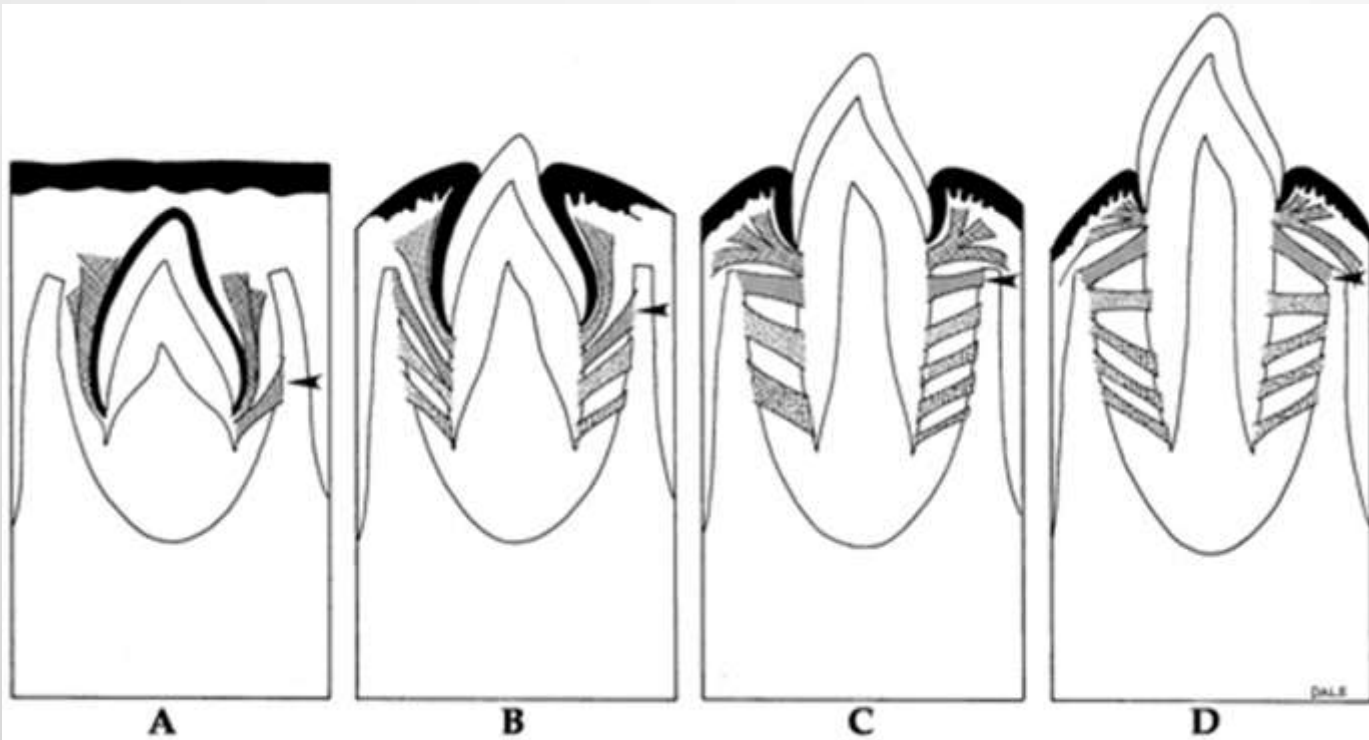
Embryogenesis



The PDL forms from the dental follicle shortly after root development begins

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Functions of PDL

- 1. Supportive**
- 2. Sensory**
- 3. Nutritive**
- 4. Formative & remodeling**
- 5. Proprioceptive**



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