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## Review Article

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### Abstract

Facial appearance depends on several oral and extraoral factors. The gingiva is an important intraoral tissue which when affected particularly by pigmentation is mainly responsible for the unpleasant appearance. Several causes of gingival pigmentation were previously mentioned in text together with the possible techniques of treatment. In this review, we will focus on this topic with a histological point of view.

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### Introduction

Health and appearance of gingiva are important parts of a smile <sup>(1)</sup>. The color of the gingiva is various among different individuals and it is thought to be associated with cutaneous pigmentation <sup>(2)</sup>. It varies from light to dark brown or black. The skin tone, texture and color differ in various races and regions <sup>(3)</sup>. The gingival color depends primarily upon

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