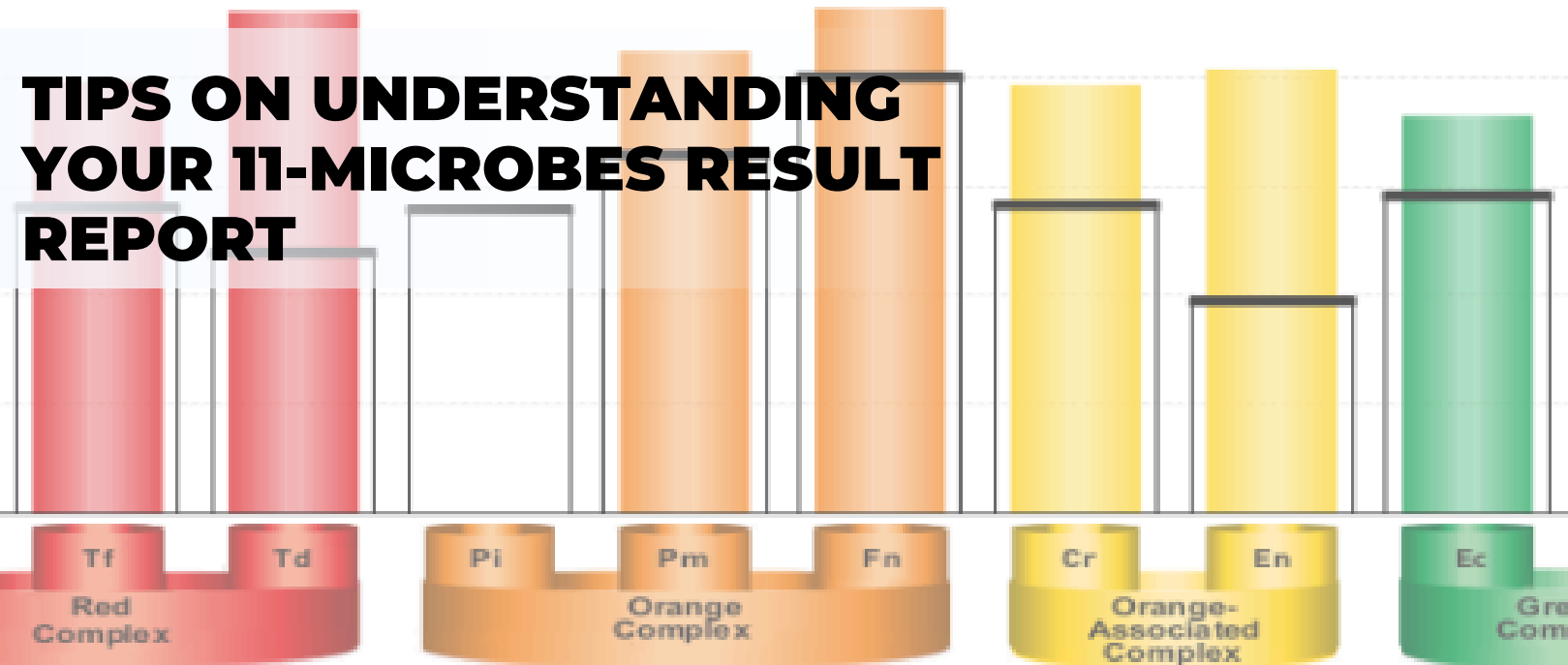


TIPS ON UNDERSTANDING YOUR 11-MICROBES RESULT REPORT



Green Complex

Opportunistic bacteria

These bacteria may be present at lower levels without causing problems. When the oral environment changes, higher levels may contribute to inflammation or make healing more difficult.



Orange/Yellow Complex

Bacteria that help build a more harmful biofilm

Think of these as the bridge bacteria. They help create an environment where more aggressive periodontal bacteria can grow. Higher levels may be associated with bleeding, inflammation and deeper pockets.



Red Complex

High-risk periodontal pathogens

These are some of the bacteria most strongly associated with periodontal inflammation, tissue breakdown and bone loss. They are commonly found in more advanced disease and may be more difficult to control with routine treatment alone.



Pink Complex

Aggressive disease pathogen

This group includes Aa (*Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans*), a bacteria associated with more aggressive forms of periodontal disease and rapid bone loss. It may be clinically important even when detected at lower levels.