

Evaluating the oral health-related quality of life among dental patients in South India - A Descriptive Study

PURPOSE:

Oral health (OH) serves as a pivotal indicator of individuals' general well-being, intimately linked to overall health and health-related quality of life (HRQoL). Oral Health-Related Quality of Life (OHRQoL) encapsulates the subjective experience of symptoms related to oral conditions, influencing an individual's well-being.

AIM:

To evaluate the oral health-related quality of life among dental patients in South India.

CONCLUSION:

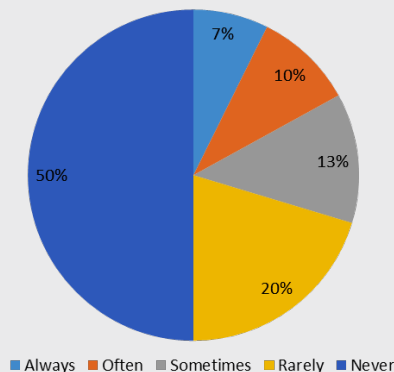
The findings underscore a significant association between oral health and quality of life.

METHODOLOGY:

In August 2023, a cross-sectional study was conducted to assess the oral health-related quality of life among dental patients. A total of 301 respondents participated, selected through simple random sampling method. The survey, presented in printed form and comprising 20 questions in plain local language, was distributed to gather insights from participants.

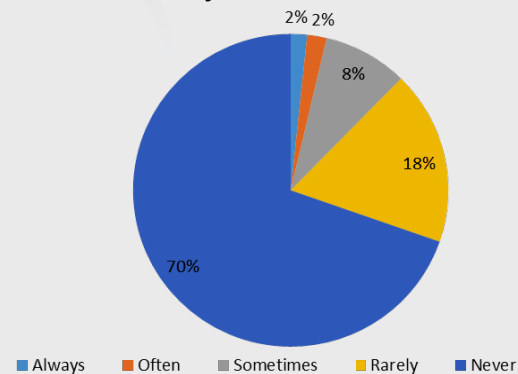
RESULT:

Fig: Have problems with your oral health affected your daily activities



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Fig: Have problems with your oral health made you less tolerant



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