

SUBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT FOR DENTAL TREATMENT NEEDS AMONG INSTITUTIONALIZED ELDERLY

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Background:

Among the adult population the need for dental care and certain preventive measures can be enhanced, especially among the oldest one. Among residents in long-term care institutions, in most cases in the oral cavity only a few teeth are left, and most of them have need of treatment

AIM

The goal was to evaluate the subjective need for dental treatment among institutionalized elderly.



MATERIAL AND METOD

The research was conducted in the "Mother Teresa" department, within the PHI Gerontology Institute "XIII-th of November" Skopje. All 73 institutionalized persons older than 65 years were examined. Adequate survey with appropriate questions subjective assessment for need of dental treatment was made among the institutionalized elderly.

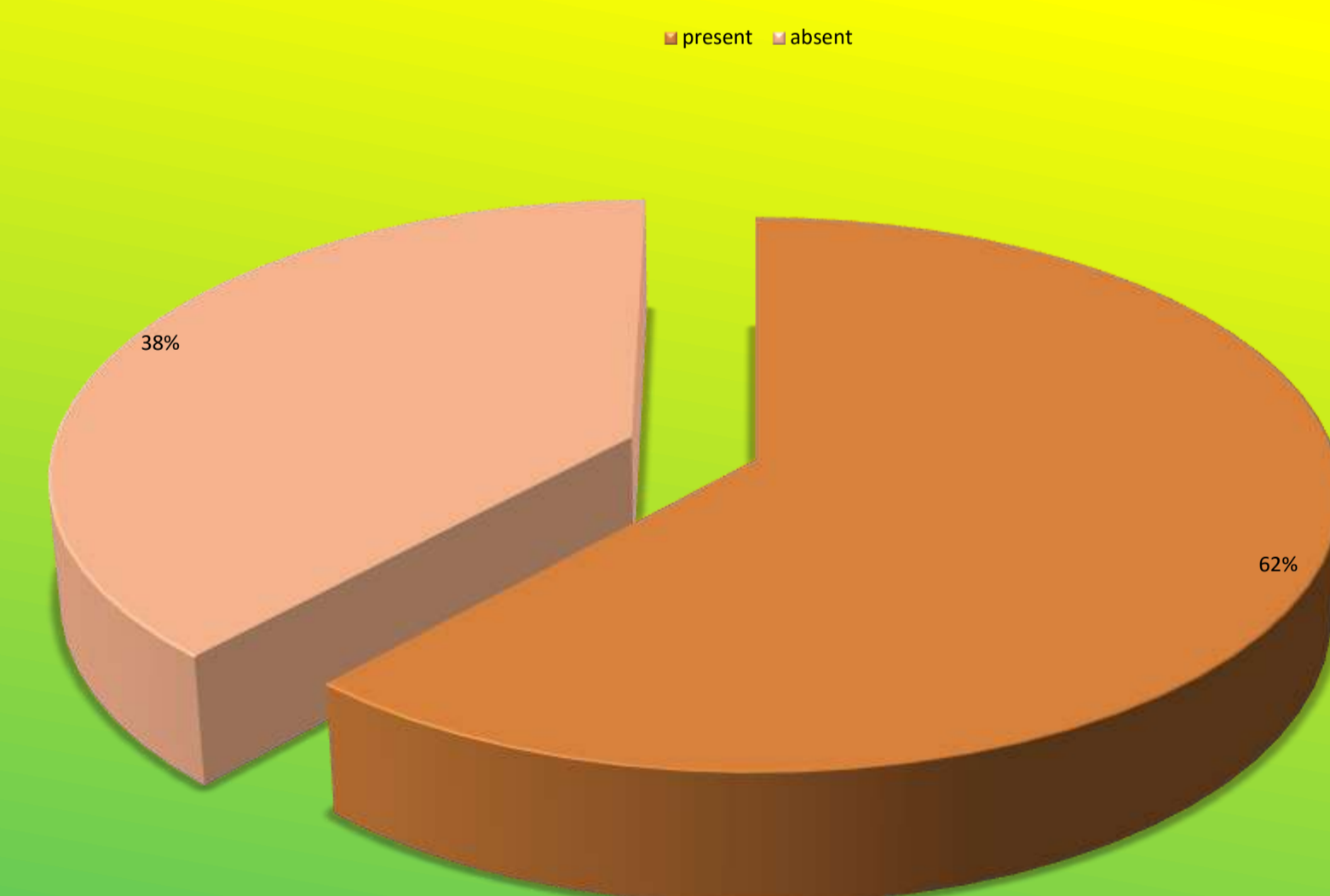
RESULTS

✓ 61.64% of respondents gave his subjective opinion that have need for dental intervention, while the remaining 38.36% from the institutionalized elderly people had no need for dental interventions.

✓ Most needed treatment subjectively considered by the subject were different prosthetic activities (53.23%).

✓ Only one form the examined persons (1.61%) subjectively noted the need for treatment of gingival and periodontal diseases or need for checkup.

Subjective need of treatment



<u>Dental treatment need</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<u>Restorative procedures</u>	17	27,42 %
<u>Tooth extraction</u>	10	16,13 %
<u>Prosthodontic intervention</u>	33	53,23 %
<u>Periodontal treatment</u>	1	1,61 %
<u>Regular check-up</u>	1	1,61 %

CONCLUSION

The need for dental interventions among institutionalized elderly is high, with a predominance of different prosthetic interventions.