

Malnutrition and Diet Role in Prevention of Oral Disease

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Abstract

Dental caries can lead to premature loss of teeth. On top of that, dental care is not inexpensive. Understanding exactly how diet plan, consuming habits add to rates of caries adolescent and adults is vital to boost the oral health. In this review we try to cover main role of malnutrition in oral disease and preventative methods. This narrative review was performed using electronic medical databases; PubMed, Embase and Google scholar, searched was targeting relevant studies concerned with TMalnutrition and diet role in prevention of oral disease published up to the April 2019. Nutrition is a significant flexible determinant of chronic illness, with scientific proof increasingly supporting the view that changes in diet regimen have solid effects, both favorable and negative, on health throughout life. Most notably, nutritional adjustments might not only influence present health and wellness but may determine whether a person will establish such illness as cancer, heart disease and diabetes mellitus much later in life.

Keywords: *Malnutrition; Diet; Oral Disease*

Introduction

Nutrition can be taken into consideration as a core pillar of human growth [1]. In the last two centuries, there has been a basic improvement in the health and wellness of individuals worldwide connected mostly to adjustments in nourishment, hygiene and public health. Nutrition can be defined as the research of nutrients in food, exactly how the body uses nutrients, and the relationship between diet plan, health and wellness and illness and how food influences the body. It is the ample provision of vitamins, minerals, fiber, water and various other food elements to cells and organisms, to sustain life [1]. World Health Organization (WHO) specifies malnourishment as the cellular imbalance in between supply of nutrients and power and the body's need for them to guarantee growth, maintenance, and particular functions. Lack of nutrition can either be over-nutrition or under-nutrition [2]. Nourishment is an integral element of oral health. There is a continuous harmony in between nutrition and the integrity of the oral cavity in health and disease. Nutrition impacts oral health, and oral wellness affects nourishment. This interdependent relationship sees good nutritional health and wellness, advertising good oral health and the other way around [1].

The incidence of tooth decays has boosted significantly over the past couple of years. Part of the reason is the excess consumption of simple carbohydrates and sugary drinks. Dental caries can lead to premature loss of teeth. On top of that, dental care is not inexpensive. Understanding exactly how diet plan, consuming habits add to rates of caries adolescent and adults is vital to boost the oral health. In this review we try to cover main role of malnutrition in oral disease and preventative methods.

Methodology

This narrative review was performed using electronic medical databases; PubMed, Embase, and Google scholar, searched was targeting relevant studies concerned with TMalnutrition and diet role in prevention of oral disease published up to the April 2019. Search strategy

restricted to only English language articles and no restriction to human since animal model studies were included. More search was performed through the references list of the included articles.

Results and Discussion

Oral Infectious Diseases: Dental Caries and Periodontal Disease

Tooth decays and periodontal disease are the most prevalent chronic, usual, and transmissible infectious oral conditions in humans. Tooth decays result from the interaction of special bacterial and salivary constituents with nutritional fermentable carbohydrates in biofilm adherent on the tooth surface area [3]. A balance between multifactorial pathological contributing elements (e.g. microorganisms and fermentable carbohydrates) and safety factors (e.g. fluoride, oral hygiene, diet regimen, and saliva) influence the dynamic demineralization-remineralization of the tooth surface area [4]. Plaque bacterias excrete acids from the metabolic rate of fermentable carbohydrates that trigger demineralization of tooth enamel and enzymes that assault the protein part of the tooth, resulting in degeneration. Decayed and excruciating teeth and non-normal oral tissues can prevent mastication and can cause missing teeth and nutritional changes. Control of oral bacterial biofilm, usage of dental sealants, fluoride therapy, and diet counseling are crucial in caries avoidance and management (Table 1). Cavities can be prevented by healthful nutritional and good oral health actions and direct exposure to fluoridated water and use topical fluoride (i.e. fluoridated tooth paste and fluoride varnish) along with routine precautionary oral healthcare [3,4].

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| <p>Dietary factors associated with increased risk</p> <p>Sugar-sweetened liquids, such as carbonated beverages, fruit drinks, energy drinks, and sweetened teas and coffees</p> <p>Sticky foods, such as raisins Slowly dissolving candies</p> <p>Sugary starchy snacks, such as cookies, cakes, etc.</p> <p>Simple sugars, such as sucrose, honey, and molasses</p> <p>Dietary factors associated with decreased risk</p> <p>Sugar-free chewing gum, mints, and candies</p> <p>Fresh fruits and vegetables</p> <p>High-quality protein foods, such as meats, eggs, cheese, fish, beans, and legumes</p> <p>Whole-grain, low-sugar breads and cereals</p> <p>Eating patterns associated with increased risk</p> <p>Frequent and prolonged intake of foods rich in simple sugar</p> <p>Eating sticky, retentive foods alone</p> <p>Sipping sugar-sweetened beverages for prolonged periods</p> <p>Eating patterns associated with decreased risk</p> <p>Space frequency of food and beverage intake at least 2 hours apart</p> <p>Select fresh, whole, unprocessed food to stimulate salivary output</p> <p>Chew sugarless gum for a brief period immediately after a meal or snack</p> |
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Table 1: Primary dietary factors and eating patterns associated with dental caries risk [3,4].

Periodontal disorders vary from moderate forms, such as gingivitis, to extreme kinds of periodontitis that result in destruction of gum sustaining tissue and inevitably missing teeth. It can be identified by gingival blood loss and recess, development of deep pockets between the gingiva and tooth, and loss of periodontal ligaments and bone framework that support teeth. This disease is launched by biofilm of oral microbial plaque intercommunications bringing to soft-tissue damage associated with an irregular inflammatory immune action [5]. Although the pathogenesis of periodontal disease entails germs and the host response to these bacterial by-products (contaminants and enzymes), local, systemic, and behavioral elements influence illness intensity and development. Systemic impacts include types 1 and 2 diabetes mellitus, tension, heart disease, osteoporosis, state of host immune, and virus associated with gum illness in the subgingival flora. Associated behavior threat aspects consist of poor oral hygiene, tobacco usage, and diet plan [6].

Gum disease can be related to changes in immunological and hematological pens inflated by dietary aspects (Table 2). It is assumed that a consortium of microbiota plays a role in periodontal disorder. Chronic gum illness causes irreversible loss of bone and collagen. The mechanism of the relationships between periodontal disease and systemic disorder are mainly unidentified; nonetheless, connection between oral health and systemic problems that influence systemic health outcomes have been shown [7].

| Dietary factor | Impact of inadequate intake on disease risk |
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| Protein | Compromised or impaired response to infection and wound healing of oral soft tissue. Compromised antibacterial properties of saliva. |
| n-3 Fatty acids Vitamins A, C, E Copper, Iron, Zinc Non -nutrient antioxidants | Depressed anti-inflammatory and immune response of oral soft tissue. |
| Vitamins D, K Calcium, Boron | Inadequate jaw bone density and strength to anchor tooth structure. |

Table 2: Dietary factors possibly modulating immunologic and structural markers of periodontal disease [7].

Malnutrition and oral health

Lack of nutrition is a multifactorial disease that can have a very early onset throughout the intrauterine life or childhood, or it can happen throughout an individual's life time as a result of bad nourishment. Lack of nutrition shows up to have numerous results on the oral tissues and the subsequent oral ailment development. It impacts the growth of the oral cavity and the development of the oral diseases through altered tissue homeostasis, a minimized resistance to the microbial biofilm and a lowered tissue repair capacity [8].

Teeth are impacted throughout their formation by nutrition. Deficiency of nutrients can lead to faulty enamel development (enamel hypoplasia) which has aesthetic drawbacks, and which may raise the susceptibility to dental caries. Poor nutrition can likewise enhance the threat of cavities by influencing the salivary glands to make sure that the circulation rate is reduced, and the structure of saliva transformed. In badly nourished communities where sugar is accessible, malnutrition may enhance caries risk by creating defective enamel development and salivary gland atrophy. Malfunctioning enamel appears to stem from hypocalcaemia associated with poor nutrition and is also brought on by vitamin D shortage. Shortage of vitamin D and vitamin A and Protein Energy Malnutrition (PEM) have related to the enamel hypoplasia. PEM and vitamin A deficiency are additionally associated with salivary gland degeneration, which subsequently reduces the defense of the oral cavity against infection and its capacity to buffer the plaque acids [9].

It was discovered that malnutrition was an etiological consider dental hypoplasia which caused raised susceptibility to caries. Despite a general consensus that malnutrition raised defective enamel development, the device for this doubted. It was not up until 1981 that Nikiforuk & Fraser showed hypoplasia to be associated with hypocalcaemia, which is a common occurrence in lack of nutrition due to chronic diarrhea [10]. While cavities happens in affluent areas with an excellent nutritional standing, it is rare in lots of communities in

which malnutrition prevails. Nevertheless, when establishing nations are revealed to sugar in the diet regimen, the degree of dental caries is above anticipated from experience in industrialized nations. This observation has led to the recommendation that lack of nutrition boosts the cariogenic result of sugar [9].

If the diet does not supply enough of the vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients needed to sustain healthy tissues, malnutrition appears. Additionally, some generally suggested medications are related to dietary shortages (Table 3).

| Medication | Disease | Deficiency |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Proton pump inhibitors ² | Gastroesophageal reflux disorder | Vitamin B12, Vitamin C |
| Metformin ³ | Diabetes | Vitamin B12 |
| Levodopa/carbidopa ⁵ | Parkinson disease | Vitamin B12 |
| Isoniazid ⁶ | Tuberculosis | Vitamin B6 |

Table 3: Medications associated with nutritional deficiencies [1,8,9].

Vitamins

Folate and B complex vitamins

Folate (vitamin B9) is a crucial component of biochemical reactions needed to manufacture DNA and to power the amino acid metabolic rate needed for cellular division. It is an important vitamin and cannot be developed in the body. As a result of its role in nucleic acid synthesis and the quick cell creation of the growing fetus, the needs for folate boost in pregnant womans [11]. Because of this it is suggested that all females of child-bearing age, even if not presently expecting, take a day-to-day supplement having 0.4 - 0.8 mg of folic acid [12]. Although folate shortage is frequently related to neural tube problems, recent research studies have found a minimized event of cleft lip with or without cleft palate when expecting females take extra folic acid [13]. Because B vitamins regularly exist in the exact same foods, they are typically described as the B complicated vitamins. A deficiency in one is most likely to be accompanied by deficiencies in others. Although they may be accompanied by inconsonant systemic signs, shortages in B2, B3, B6, and B12 will typically materialize in the oral cavity as stomatitis, glossitis, and oral abscess. Danger aspects for vitamin B deficiencies include older age, medicines, chronic alcoholic abuse, malabsorptive disorders, and vegan and vegan diet regimens.

Vitamin A

Besides its duty in healthy and balanced vision, vitamin A operates as an essential component needed to maintain the mucosal membranes, salivary glands, and teeth [16]. Animal research studies have revealed that a deficiency in this vitamin will certainly result in different abnormalities, including tooth brittleness, salivary gland degeneration, and enhanced danger of cavities [14]. Vitamin A has actually been shown to supply a protective result versus cleft palate [15]. Although uncommon in the general population of industrialized countries, vitamin A shortage prevails in several developing nations, typically because of a paucity of food sources with ample levels. In these countries, the populaces most in danger are infants and youngsters [16]. Various other populations in danger consist of early babies, those with cystic fibrosis, and those with various other conditions triggering fat malabsorption [16].

Lack of vitamins D and A and malnutrition have been linked to hypoplasia of the enamel and atrophy of the salivary glands, problems that figure out a higher susceptibility to decays. Some hypoplasia and pits on the surface of the enamel associate to an absence of vitamin A (Figure 1); a lack of vitamin D is linked to the extra diffused hypoplastic types (Figure 2). The structural damages can bear witness the duration in which the absence of nutrition happened [17].



Figure 1: Hypoplasia and pits on the surface of the enamel correlate to a lack of vitamin A [17].

Vitamin D

A natural hormone of the human body, vitamin D takes a vital duty in the absorption of calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium from the gut, enabling the right mineralization of bones and teeth. The same as insufficient vitamin A, a shortage in vitamin D is related to enamel and dentin hypoplasia [18]. Poor levels of vitamin D through tooth development may lead to delayed eruption along with lamina dura and cementum loss that brings to missing teeth. Infants that are only fed by breast and newborns consuming less than 1L of formula per day are at particularly in risk of vitamin D deficiency, as breastmilk alone has inadequate levels of the vitamin, and most formula is not adequately strengthened. As a result, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advises that all breastfed infants, and non-breastfed newborns that do not ingest at the very least 1L of vitamin D-fortified formula daily, get an additional 400 IU of vitamin D per day, which is readily offered in fluid solutions [19].

Other risk factors for vitamin D deficiency include older age (because of reduced efficiency of synthesis at the skin), living at higher latitudes, drugs, kidney disease, and vegan diet plans [20]. Since most foods do not include it normally, many foods, including milk and grain items, are strengthened with vitamin D.



Figure 2: Hypoplasia on the surface of the enamel correlate to a lack of vitamin D [17].

Vitamin C

An additional essential nutrient, vitamin C is needed for the synthesis of collagen, which virtually specifically comprises the protein part of teeth and bones and acts as the structural scaffolding over which mineralization of these frameworks occurs. Collagen, and therefore vitamin C, are needed to produce dentin, pulp, cementum, periodontal fibers, blood vessels, gingival nerves, connective tissues, and periodontal ligaments. Vitamin C continues to be necessary for the turnover of bone, tooth, and connective tissue throughout the life span [21].

Inadequate intake of vitamin C will ultimately show up as scurvy. Preliminary signs of scurvy involve gingiva inflammation. As the insufficiency advances, synthesis of collagen is damaged and connective tissues are compromised, triggering poor wound healing; inflamed, bleeding gingiva; and causing loosen the teeth as an outcome of tissue and fragility of capillary [22]. Although unusual in established nations, vitamin C shortage can take place in populaces with restricted food variety, that include the elderly, those that abuse alcohol or medications, those who adhere to food crazes, and those with a mental disorder [22]. Others at risk include smokers, those exposed to secondhand smoke, babies and kids whose primary source of nourishment is cow's milk, those with end-stage kidney illness on chronic hemodialysis, and those with malabsorptive conditions [22]. All fruits and vegetables have vitamin C, but those with the highest possible content consist of oranges, berries, broccoli, and red peppers. Table 4 listings the foods with the highest content of the vitamins and minerals pertinent to oral nourishment [23].

Frequency amount and type of sugar

The value of regularity of usage of sugars rather than the total amount of sugars taken in is difficult to assess, as the two variables are tough to assess individually. Nevertheless, information from both animal studies and studies in humans suggest that both factors relate to degrees of caries [24,25].

There is no clear proof that, with the exception of lactose (which is less cariogenic), the carcinogenicity of various sugars varies: for example, those Turku research study discovered no significant distinction in cavities advancement between those consuming sucrose and those eating fructose [26,27]. In view of this finding, the term "free sugars" is used to describe all monosaccharides and disaccharides added to foods by the supplier, cook or consumer, plus those naturally existing in honey, fruit juices and syrups [28]. The term free sugars omit sugars normally existing in entire fruits, vegetables and milk, as evidence recommends that these pose little or no danger to dental or basic wellness (see listed below) [28]. Glucose polymers and non-digestible oligosaccharides are increasingly being utilized in foods. Restricted evidence recommends that glucose polymers are possibly cariogenic, isomalto- oligosaccharides and glucooligosaccharides may be less acidogenic than sucrose, however fructooligosaccharides may be as acidogenic as sucrose [26].

Influence of fluoride

Fluoride unquestionably shields versus cavities, minimizing cavities in kids by as much as 50%, however it does not eliminate it or get rid of the reason- sugars. In addition, the people of numerous parts of the globe are not subjected to fluoride [29]. A relationship between consumption of sugars and decays still exists in the visibility of adequate fluoride [24,30]. Exposure to fluoride combined with a decrease in the intake of sugars has been revealed to have an additive effect on decays decrease [30]. A recent methodical literary works testimonial that explored the relevance of consumption of sugars in populations subjected to fluoride concluded that where there is adequate exposure to fluoride, intake of sugars continues to be a moderate risk factor for decays in most people [31].

Conclusion

Nutrition is a significant flexible determinant of chronic illness, with scientific proof increasingly supporting the view that changes in diet regimen have solid effects, both favorable and negative, on health throughout life. Most notably, nutritional adjustments might not only influence present health and wellness, but may determine whether a person will establish such illness as cancer, heart disease and diabetes mellitus much later in life.

Oro-dental disorders effect substantially on self-esteem and quality of life and are pricey to deal with. Vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients are vital to the development, advancement, upkeep, and fixing of healthy dentition and oral tissues as well as the body systems in general. Nourishment impacts the teeth in addition to oral cavity during growth and malnutrition might intensify periodontal and oral transmittable diseases. Diet plan plays a vital function in the avoidance of oro-dental illness including cavities, dental erosion, developing problems, oral mucosal diseases and gum illness. However, one of the most significant result of nourishment on teeth is the local activity of diet regimen in the mouth on the growth of tooth decays and dental disintegration. For this reason, clinicians, including nurses and pharmacologists, should educate patients about the hazardous effects of sugar on the oral cavity. Just brushing and flossing is insufficient to stop dental caries; one likewise needs to consume healthily. There is a boosting requirement to prevent and manage the public health issue of chronic diseases by advertising suitable diets and healthy way of lives.

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