

Is there any Correlation Between Parental Dental Anxiety and Oral Health in Preschool Children?

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Parents are among those who monitor the oral and dental health of their children in the family; their dental anxiety could have a great impact on the oral and dental health of their children that may lead to negative effects. It should keep in mind, while parents look after their young children, their dental problems may frequently cause extended consequences for the parents and family members who live with them.

Dental caries, which is one of the most common oral diseases, appears as early childhood caries (ECC) in children and is still an important public health challenge in the world. The severity of dental caries has a positive correlation with the quality of life related to the oral and dental health of children (OHRQoL) which affects the feelings of parents and family life.

It is well established that oral health-related quality of life (OHRQoL) is negatively influence negative dental experiences; however, a new study suggests that the dental anxiety of parents may also have an impact on the OHRQoL of children who have not experienced it.

The author believes an increase in parental dental anxiety, as well as dental visits, could have a negative influence on the OHRQoL of preschoolers without a negative dental experience. Some other studies also confirm that high maternal dental anxiety negatively influences the OHRQoL of preschoolers.

Increased parental dental anxiety could be the result of the child's awareness of the need to visit the dentist due to increased oral health problems.

In this study, the parents' reports indicate the impact of parental dental anxiety on children's OHRQoL which provides information for studying young children who have challenges expressing feelings of pain as well as children who have not yet completed their emotional and cognitive development.

We might conclude that Parental dental anxiety and caries preventive measures knowledge are associated with the oral health of children; parental dental anxiety affects the oral health of children. Dental anxiety in parents is associated with the development of dental anxiety in children. On the other hand, a detailed understanding of the development of dental anxiety in parents could help in the prevention of the same in children [1-3].

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