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Oral health related quality of life (ohrqol) in orthodontics

Abstract:

Despite its relatively recent emergence over the past few decades, oral health-related quality of life (OHRQoL) has important implications for the clinical practice of dentistry and dental research. OHRQoL is a multidimensional construct that includes a subjective evaluation of the individual's oral health, functional well-being, emotional well-being, expectations and satisfaction with care, and sense of self. It has wide-reaching applications in survey and clinical research. OHRQoL is an integral part of general health and well-being. In fact, it is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as an important segment of the Global Oral Health Program (2003). This presentation identifies the what, why, and how of OHRQoL and presents an oral health theoretical model. The relevance of OHRQoL for dental practitioners and patients in community-based dental practices is presented.

Biography:

Dr. Huda Abutayyem an experienced academic with an enviable track record in both research and professional Orthodontics. She has been actively involved in the teaching and supervision of students. She also has served on several administration and institutional committees. She has several publications in indexed journals.

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