

Hyposalivation in Elderly

Abstract

With the sudden growth of the elderly population, the oral health of the elderly has acquired greater importance in dentistry due to changes in the oral cavity. Therefore this study aims to address the causes, effects on the oral health of the elderly with hyposalivation, diagnosis and treatment in order to provide more knowledge to him. The methodology used was a narrative review of the literature through a literature review related to the theme, highlighting the etiological factors, the importance of saliva, consequences of reduced salivary flow, methods of diagnosis and treatment based on pathogenesis and diagnostic hypothesis of hyposalivation and may use it to physiological stimuli gustatory, masticatory and pharmacological.

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