

Parent's attitude towards barriers and facilitators that influence children's dental care

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Abstract

Aim: The aim of this study was to explore the causes of neglected dental care for children in UAE, to differentiate parent's attitude from different cultures towards neglected dental visits for children in UAE and to explore parents' views on limitations and opportunities for professional support to promote children's oral health.

Materials and Methods: The study population includes of 270 parents who have children aged between 4-12yrs, the protocol was approved by research ethics committee in Ajman University, faculty of Dentistry, the objective and the nature of the study were explained to the participant, They were asked to complete questionnaire, the questionnaire was comprised of two part: general demographic data about the parents and questions which assessed the causes of neglected dental care for children in UAE.

Result: More than half of parents (87.0, n= 253) considered that the increased expense of dental treatment is a main factor in not attending the appointments, also 81.9% of the surveyed parents reported that insurance companies don't cover the dental treatment is an important factor in this issue. In respect to knowledge of the importance of treatment in this age, 90.4% of parents were aware that dental treatment in childhood stage is important, 61.1% knows what their children oral status and almost 80% of parents considered dental problem are serious.

Conclusion: In general, all of the viewed factors have some effect wither it was a positive, neutral or negative effect but most importantly the two main factors that have a big impact in this study are Expense and Insurance's coverage.

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