



Oral Health & Older Adults

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An Expert Opinion from the European College of Gerodontology and the European Geriatric Medicine Society: European Geriatric Medicine Society: European Policy Recommendations on Oral Health in Older Adults

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/jgs.15191>

This expert opinion paper provides health policy recommendations for older adults. It includes three major recommendations for action. (OPEN ACCESS)

Preventative Oral Health Intervention Among Older Home Care Clients

<https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article/46/5/846/2993058>

The aim of this study was to investigate the effectiveness of a tailored preventative oral health intervention among home care clients aged 75 years and over. (OPEN ACCESS)

Oral Medicine and the Ageing Population

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/adj.12283>

The authors discuss the aging population's susceptibility to mucosal disorders and the increased prevalence of potentially malignant disorders and oral squamous cell carcinoma and other issues to consider. The importance of screening is highlighted. (OPEN ACCESS)

Oral Health Disparity in Older Adults: Dental Decay and Tooth Loss

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0011853214000627?via%3Dihub>

This article overviews the epidemiology of edentulism and dental decay in older adults, the prevalence of untreated dental caries in older adults and barriers to accessing dental care. Implications for employment, social implications and quality of life are included. (PAID ACCESS)

Oral Implications of Polypharmacy in the Elderly

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0011853214000676?via%3Dihub>

This article overviews age-related changes experienced by the elderly which when combined with polypharmacy increase the risk of adverse events in the oral cavity. Recommendations for overcoming the anticholinergic effects of medications are discussed. (PAID ACCESS)

Periodontal Considerations in Older Individuals

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/adj.12280>

This article discusses important considerations related to the prevalence and incidence of periodontal disease in the older adult population. (OPEN ACCESS)

Dry Mouth and Older People <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/adj.12284>

The author discusses the relationship between salivary gland hypofunction (DGH) and Xerostomia as well as the complexity of these issues particularly in regards to medication use. (OPEN ACCESS)

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Burden of Poor Oral Health in Older Age: Findings From a Population-Based Study of Older British men <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/bmjopen/5/12/e009476.full.pdf>

The objective of the study described was to investigate the evidence of the extent of poor oral health in the older UK adult population using objective and subjective measures in a population-based study of older men. (OPEN ACCESS)

Influence of Poor Oral Health on Physical Frailty: A Population-Based Cohort Study of Older British men

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5887899/pdf/JGS-66-473.pdf>

This cross-sectional and longitudinal study utilized data from the British Regional Heart Study and investigated the association between objective and subjective measures of oral health and incident physical frailty. (OPEN ACCESS)

Oral Health in the Elderly Patient and its Impact on General Well-Being: A Nonsystematic Review

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4334280/>

The authors discuss the importance of evaluating the oral health of the geriatric population in a comprehensive manner, beyond simple clinical assessments. (OPEN ACCESS)

Significant Unmet Oral Health Needs of Homebound Elderly Adults

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4367536/pdf/nihms670724.pdf>

This article describes a study which sought to assess the oral health status, dental utilization and dental needs of the homebound elderly and to determine whether medical diagnoses or demographic factors influenced perceived oral health. (OPEN ACCESS)

Opinions of Dentists on the Barriers in Providing Oral Health to Community-Dwelling Frail Older People: A Questionnaire Survey

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ger.12155>

This older article discussed the percentage of seniors licensed to operate a motor vehicle as well as the known presence of chronic conditions, disabilities and medication use. (PAID ACCESS)

The Oral Health Status of Older Patients in Acute Care on Admission and Day 7 in two Australian Hospitals

<https://academic.oup.com/ageing/article/46/5/852/3854658>

The aim of this prospective descriptive study described was to determine the oral health status of older patients in acute care wards at admission and after 7 days in New South Wales, Australia. (OPEN ACCESS)

Oral Hygiene and Oral Health in Older People with Dementia: A Comprehensive Review with Focus on Oral Soft Tissues

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5748411/pdf/784_2017_Article_2264.pdf

The authors attempted to provide a comprehensive literature review investigating studies of older adults with dementia and oral health issues. (OPEN ACCESS)