





# LIFE SATISFACTION, DENTAL EXPERIENCES AND AUTO PERCEPTION OF ORAL HEALTH AMONG PATIENTS WITH AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Quality of life is related to the self perception of the human being in his daily life.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Cross-sectional / descriptive study of data obtained through a questionnaire applied to patients attended at a rheumatologic center. The research under resolution 466/12 was approved by the Ethics Committee on Research on Human Beings (CAAE: 0015.0.059.000-08).

## **RESULTS**

The epidemiological profile: female (80%), faioderma (31.4%) and 45 years as mean age. Prevalent rheumatologic diseases: systemic lupus erythematosus (42.86%) and rheumatoid arthritis (31.43%). Main oral complaints: dry and / or bitter mouth (28.57%); lack of teeth (37.14%); gingiva bleeds (22.85). Regarding dental treatment, 65.71% confirmed the need and 42.85% used a prosthesis, 60% of which required replacement. Only 2.85% of the individuals considered oral health to be optimal.

# **CONCLUSION**

It is concluded that specialized dental care and the use of palliatives to relieve discomfort / pain should be performed by multiprofessional teams directed to patients with autoimmune disease.