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How is dental disease related to schizophrenia?

Oral health is an important part of overall physical health. People with severe mental illness are susceptible to oral disease for a number of reasons which may include poor oral hygiene, concern about dental costs, difficulty in accessing healthcare facilities, and the side-effects of psychiatric drugs such as dry mouth.

What is the evidence for comorbid dental disorders?

Moderate quality evidence suggests people with schizophrenia have more decayed and missing teeth and fewer filled teeth than people without schizophrenia.

For more information see the technical table



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NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) is one of the largest independent medical and clinical research institutes in Australia and an international leader in neurological research.

Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.

While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

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