

INFLUENCE OF SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS AND HOME ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND ORAL HYGIENE IN 12 , 15 - YEAR OLD SCHOOL CHILDREN

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ABSTRACT: -

To detect the relationship between socioeconomic status and oral hygiene status in 12, 15 years school going children. A Cross sectional study to be conducted involving the administration of a set of questionnaires which includes questions related to demographic profile , use of oral hygiene aid , frequency and duration of cleaning teeth , changing of tooth brush , rinsing of mouth with water and the socioeconomic status of the population to be assessed using kuppusamy scale (urban) and UDAI PAREEK SCALE (rural) which is based on per capita income per month , education status and occupational status of study population , oral hygiene health is recorded using simplified oral hygiene index (John C. Greene and Jack R. Vermillion – 1964)It is learnt that with the increase in socioeconomic status the oral hygiene practices increases. Since the standard of living increases, the knowledge and awareness regarding the oral hygiene practices also increases significantly.

KEYWORDS: - Urban students, Rural student, Oral hygiene status comparison.