BRING BACK

ORAL CARE IN NURSING

A qualitative study exploring the healthcare professionals and patients’ experiences to gain new in-depth knowledge of oral care among hospitalized patients to identify needs and challenges. Data were collected through participant observation combined with semi-structured individual interviews. These are the challenges we identified:

1. Oral care based on a gut feeling
2. Oral care fades into the background
3. Even self-reliant patients need help with oral care
4. The mouth reflects the life lived

NEXT STEP:
Through workshops with patients and healthcare professionals, solutions will be developed to increase the professional focus on oral care during hospitalization. Finally, the solutions are tested and evaluated in clinical practice.

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