Dental Anxiety and Fear

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Research
Among adults we study the prevalence and changes in dental fear as determinants of fear such as psychological and oral health-related factors. We use data from two consecutive national surveys which also provide the possibility for longitudinal approach. Among children we are interested on the interplay of family-, child-, environment and oral health-related factors in the development of dental fear. We are part of the FinnBrain Cohort Study which is collecting a large (N=6.000) birth cohort starting at pregnancy and combining data from genetic analyses, functional and structural brain research, child psychiatric and adult psychiatric assessment, attachment research, assessment of life events, registers and biological parameters in order to understand the determinants of child wellbeing and later emergence of depression, cognitive decline and cardiovascular disease. (www.finnbrain.fi).

Current topics

Selected recent publications


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