

Typology of barriers to children's oral health

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Abstract

Background and Aims: Oral health is element of individual health in all stages of life, especially during childhood. Despite its importance, people experience several barriers in achieving oral health. This study aims to identify experienced barriers towards oral health reported in local and international literature and researches.

Materials and Methods: This study was reviewed and with keyword selection database articles ScienceDirect, Medline, PMDR, Cochrane, PubMed, proQuest, Scopus, Ovid, BioMedCentral, Elsevier, Google Scholar, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, American Dental Association, Australian Dental Association, World Health Organization and Search articles of Sites Scientific– Research Internal Irandoc, SID, magiran, Iranmedex, Medlib Search and were reviewed.

Results: Data analysis of findings led to categorizing barriers in four major groups including individual barriers, dentistry barriers, dentist barriers and environmental barriers.

Conclusion: These findings have significant implications in developing oral health promotion programs targeting at children. It especially draws the attention to barriers beyond individual control which should be considered in oral health promotion programs.

Key words: barriers, oral health, Children.