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A survey on the knowledge, attitude and behavior of Greek elementary school students about oral health and dental care

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Abstract The objective of this study was to evaluate the knowledge, attitude and behavior of Greek elementary school students in terms of oral health and dental care. Data on students' oral health and dental treatment as well as, the factors that define these variables were collected and evaluated by a self-administered questionnaire for a sample of 595 students. The results revealed that irregular brushing was common. Apart from the use of toothbrush and toothpaste, extra aids for oral hygiene were also in use. The role of parents in supervising the oral hygiene habits of their children was concentrated only in giving advice. The students knew the causes of gingivitis and caries and how to protect their dental health. Also, they were aware of the mouth and dental structure on the general body health. Toothache was the driving reason of visiting the dentist. Irregular visits to the dentist were mentioned, even though they knew the importance of regular dental visits. The feeling of fear, in general, and fear of dental tools and dental wheel were referred to be the main reason for not visiting the dentist on a regular basis. Students were not encouraged by their parents for regular dental visits. The outcomes of this study show that Greek elementary students knowledge, attitude and behavior towards oral health and dental care need to be improved through oral health behavior programs.

Key words Attitudes, Behavior, Greece, Knowledge, Oral health

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