THE TOOTH EXTRACTION INDICATION OF THE PATIENTS WHO REFER TO PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CLINIC

Objective:

Aim of this study is to determine the number of tooth extraction indications in children for referral to Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.

Subjects and Methods:

The present study conducted between September 2017 and March 2019 in children aged between 0 and 13 years who refer to pediatric dentistry clinic. Any children whose records were missing important information pertaining to the aim of the study were excluded. Descriptive statistics and chi-square test were used for statistical evaluation of the obtained data.

Results:

A total of 2458 children (50.8 % male, 49.2 % female) had their pediatric dentistry clinic visits. Most of the children were in the mix dentition period. Almost half of the children were indicated with tooth extraction. Approximately one-third of the children had extraction indication number of between 1 - 4.

Conclusions:

According to the results of recent study, almost half the patients were indicated for tooth extraction. Therefore, the knowledge level of the child and the family should be increased and oral hygiene habits should be gained.