EVALUATION OF THE REASONS IN CHILDREN APPLIED TO PEDIATRIC DENTAL CLINIC

Objective:

The aim of his study was to evaluate the most common reasons for referral to our pediatric clinic.

Subjects and Methods:

The present study conducted between September 2017 and March 2019 in childrenaged between 0 and 13 years who refer to pediatric dentistry clinic. Only children attending their first dental visits were included in the study. Any children whose records were missing important information pertaining to the aim of the study were excluded. Data collected by single researcher. 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 first dental visits to our clinic. Approximately one-third (36,3%) of the children were aged 5 to 8 years. Most (86.3 %) of the children were medically fit. Caries with (22.3) and without pain (38.1%) were the dominant factors bringing children to their first dental visits to our clinic.

Conclusions: Generally, the dental examination was performed after visible caries and pain occurs. Therefore, the current situation worsens and the necessity of radical treatment is revealed. The level of knowledge of parents should be increased in order to make the treatment available at the appropriate time.