

Common causes of extraction of teeth in Saudi Arabia

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A random sample of dentists practising in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was requested to record all teeth extracted over a 2-month period specifying the patient's age, sex, tooth number and reason for extraction and type of dental practice. When all age-groups were pooled in both primary and permanent teeth, caries was the cause for extraction in 62.7% of cases. However, periodontal disease was the major factor in patients over 40 years of age, accounting for 51 %. More teeth were extracted in males because of periodontal disease (21.82%) than females (15.22%). Orthodontic reasons accounted for 6.7f>% of the extraction in females and only 2.02% of that in males. There was a different age distribution for extraction between males and females. Males, over 50 years of age, experienced significantly more extractions (19.9%) than females (8.9%).

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