



The Relationship Between Oral Cavity Assessment Score and Oral Care of the Patients in the Surgical Clinic Aylin AYDIN SAYILAN*, Nurşen KULAKAÇ**

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Objective: The aim of this study was to determine the relationship between Oral Cavity Assessment Scale Score of Patients in Surgery Clinic and Oral Care Applied.

Material and Method: This study was performed as cross-sectional type of relationship seeker. The universe of work was the data obtained from the care plans for the illness in the general surgery clinic. The sample selection method was not applied in the study and the maintenance plans collected during the relevant period (March 2018-May 2018) were evaluated (n: 107). In data collection, oral assessment scale score and duration of oral care given to the patients were evaluated. The modified oral rating scale developed by Eilers et al. (1988) was used by Yates (2002). The mouth evaluation scale consists of 5 parts; lips, mucosa, tongue, teeth and saliva. Each division is scored between 1-4 and the total score of the oral assessment scale varies between 4-20. If the score on the oral assessment scale is less than 5, the oral mucosa is normal, between 6-10 mild dysfunction, between 11-15 moderate dysfunction and between 16-20 severe dysfunction.

Results: : 62.7% of the patients were male and 71.7% were married and the age range ranged from 51 ± 11.49 . The scores on the oral cavity evaluation scale were less than 5% (36.7%); 41.4% were evaluated between 6-10 points and 21.9% were evaluated as 11-15; 69.3% of patients had 4 * 1 oral care; 30.7% were given 2 * 1 oral care.

Conclusion: It was determined that the level of oral cavity was not considered when giving oral care.

Key words: oral cavity, care, evaluation, scale



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