



The Chewing Efficiency in Elderly People Based on Their Cognitive Ability

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Dear Colleagues,

The transition to an aging society is one of international issues, oral health is a crucial factor in maintaining the physical or mental functions in the elderly people. Plausible mechanisms have been suggested: periodontitis as systemic inflammation, reduced mastication as induced sensory stimulation to the brain and poor nutritional intake as physical disability.

However, previous researches neither presented concrete data nor relevant variables with respect to the relationship between the oral function and the frailty in the elderly people. Therefore, potentially modifiable risk factors that are mutually related, including education levels, vascular risk factors, mental status, dietary intakes, lifestyle, etc., should be investigated to prevent or delay the frailty in physical and psychological functions.

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