

Prevalence of oral tori among Saudi dental patients in faculty of dentistry at King Abdulaziz University

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Torus Palatinus (TP) and Torus Mandibularis (TM) have been reported in most races, although the frequency of occurrence varies among races and between males and females. No data exist regarding the prevalence of TP and TM in the Saudi population and its implication for treatment planning. The objectives of this study were to investigate the prevalence, size, shape and location of oral tori among Saudi patients receiving treatment at King Abdulaziz University, Faculty of Dentistry (KAUFD). A total of 570 Saudi patients were randomly selected from those receiving dental treatment in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at KAUFD. Three hundred ten female patients and 260 male patients were included. Of these patients, 6.49% had both TP and TM, 19.6% had only TP and 8.6% had only TM. Women were more likely to have larger TP than men, whereas men tended to have larger TM than women. In general, subjects with larger TP or TM were older than those with smaller tori.

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