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## Geriatric oral health: Assessment of prosthodontic needs and access to care

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The explosion in size of the elderly population throughout the world's developing countries is phenomenal. Discoveries in medical science and improved living conditions during past few decades have increased the life span. With the advancement in medical health care technology, the life expectancy of general population has increased. As a result, there is proportionate increase in geriatric population with increase dental health care demands. With advancement in age, tendency to reach towards the state of edentulousness increases, which results in compromised nutritional intake and related quality of life of geriatric population. Geriatric dental prosthetic needs evaluation differs from a standard medical evaluation as it focuses on elderly individuals with complex problems, emphasizes functional status and improvement in the quality of life. The Geriatric Oral Health Assessment Index is an aid which shows the impact on the dimensions of life quality of the elderly population. This presentation discusses oral health care needs and oral health assessment in geriatric population.

### Biography

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