

ACTA-Menzis: Preventie van cariës bij kinderen at risk (2011-2014)



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Short Description

The aim of this PhD project was to explore parental and family-related psychosocial determinants of childhood dental caries, and their potential role in socioeconomic inequalities in children's dental health. Triangulation of methods was employed to investigate the research question, involving both quantitative research methods (self-report questionnaires and video-observations), as well as qualitative research methods (focus group interviews). Findings of this research project showed that the family matters in the development of childhood dental caries. Parental attributes in relation to dental self-efficacy and Locus of Control, and dimensions of parenting practices, parent-child interaction and family functioning were important indicators of dental decay in children 5- to 8-year old children in The Netherlands. A vital next step is to evaluate whether interventions that incorporate these family components have the potential to effectively prevent dental caries in children and reduce socioeconomic inequalities in children's dental health.

Staff involved

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Collaborations/affiliations

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Publications

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