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The Feasibility and Utility of the Occupational Therapy Oral Health Management Screener in a Mental Health Setting

The purpose of this research is to determine the usefulness and practicality of the Occupational Therapy Oral Health Management Screener (OTOHMS). The aim of the OTOHMS is to influence the promotion of better oral health in patients with psychiatric illness by guiding interventions to include influencing factors to poor oral health. Occupational therapists in a mental health setting (acute, long-term inpatient, community, etc.) were surveyed to understand if they see oral health as a health concern with patients with severe mental illness and if this screener would be beneficial in creating interventions that focus on improving oral hygiene. A focus group was conducted as part of this research with dentists to establish that the screener would identify oral health concerns, as well as address common factors that impact oral health. The results of this research project will add to the current literature on oral care and patients with severe mental illness.

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