

Table 1. Correlation of answers to the OHL questions with SES

	Questions	Categories	SES Number (%)			Total	P value*
			Low	Moderate	High		
	Is there any correlation between oral and dental diseases and other diseases of the body?						
	Yes		1011(85.2)	82(79.6)	192(87.3)	1285(85.2)	0.015
	No		67(5.6)	2(1.9)	10(4.5)	79(5.2)	
	I do not know		108(9.1)	19(18.4)	18(8.2)	145(9.6)	
	Total		1186	103	220	1509	
2	Is there any correlation between smoking and oral cancer?						
	Yes		1049(88.3)	93(90.3)	199(90.5)	1341(88.7)	0.009
	No		71(6.0)	0(0.0)	5(2.3)	76(5.0)	
	I do not know		68(5.7)	10(9.7)	16(7.3)	94(6.2)	
	Total		1188	103	220	1511	
3	Is hookah smoking more harmful than cigarette smoking?						
	Yes		1084(91.7)	95(93.1)	195(89.4)	1374(91.5)	0.369
	No		47(4.0)	4(3.9)	15(6.9)	66(4.4)	
	I do not know		51(4.3)	3(2.9)	8(3.7)	62(4.1)	
	Total		1182	102	218	1502	
4	Is daily flossing necessary to prevent dental caries?						
	Yes		972(82.0)	93(91.2)	176(80.7)	1241(82.5)	0.177
	No		122(10.3)	5(4.9)	26(11.9)	153(10.2)	
	I do not know		91(7.7)	4(3.9)	16(7.3)	111(7.4)	
	Total		1185	102	218		
5	Does flossing create gaps between the teeth?						
	Yes		355(30.2)	31(30.4)	39(17.8)	425(28.4)	0.002
	No		618(52.6)	56(54.9)	145(66.2)	819(54.8)	
	I do not know		201(17.1)	15(14.7)	35(16.1)	251(16.8)	
	Total		1174	102	219	1495	
6	Is reducing the consumption of foods which are high in sugar content and stick to the tooth effective for prevention of dental caries?						
	Yes		954(81.2)	92(89.3)	190(86.8)	1236(82.6)	0.001
	No		113(9.6)	4(3.9)	4(1.8)	121(8.1)	
	I do not know		108(9.2)	7(6.8)	25(11.4)	140(9.4)	
	Total		1175	103	219	1497	
7	Does cigarette smoking cause dental caries?						
	Yes		1006(84.8)	96(94.1)	197(90.0)	1299(86.2)	0.030
	No		105(8.9)	2(2.0)	14(6.4)	121(8.0)	
	I do not know		75(6.3)	4(3.9)	8(3.7)	87(5.8)	
	Total		1186	102	219	1507	
8	Can the use of brine replace the use of a medical mouthwash?						
	Yes		613(51.9)	48(47.5)	79(35.9)	740(49.3)	0.001
	No		336(28.5)	29(28.7)	84(38.2)	449(29.9)	
	I do not know		231(19.6)	24(23.8)	57(25.9)	312(20.8)	
	Total		1180	101	220	1501	
9	Can using a mouthwash alone be replaced with toothbrushing?						
	Yes		177(15.1)	8(7.8)	9(4.1)	194(13.0)	<0.001
	No		917(78.0)	84(81.6)	200(90.9)	1201(80.2)	
	I do not know		81(6.9)	11(10.7)	11(5.0)	103(6.9)	
	Total		1175	103	220	1498	
10	Is toothbrushing with salt better than using a toothpaste?						
	Yes		323(27.3)	16(15.7)	28(12.9)	364(24.2)	<0.001
	No		584(49.3)	56(54.9)	132(60.8)	772(51.4)	

	I do not know	277(23.3)	30(29.4)	57(26.3)	367(24.4)	
	Total	1184	102	217	1503	
11	Is baking soda effective for tooth whitening and treatment of aphthous ulcers?					
	Yes	522(44.1)	47(46.1)	81(36.8)	650(43.2)	0.087
	No	257(21.7)	14(13.7)	51(23.2)	322(21.4)	
	I do not know	405(34.2)	41(40.2)	88(40.0)	534(35.5)	
	Total	1184	102	220	1506	
12	Can dental scaling and root planning cause enamel abrasion and tooth loss?					
	Yes	440(37.3)	31(30.4)	73(33.3)	544(36.3)	0.127
	No	440(37.3)	43(42.2)	100(45.7)	583(38.9)	
	I do not know	299(25.4)	28(27.5)	46(21.0)	373(24.9)	
	Total	1179	102	219	1500	
13	A dentist prescribes antibiotics for you. However, your dental infection symptoms such as pain and swelling resolve before you run out of your medication. Should you continue taking the capsules?					
	Yes	736(61.9)	60(58.3)	144(65.5)	940(62.2)	0.008
	No	227(19.1)	32(31.1)	33(15.0)	292(19.3)	
	I do not know	226(19.0)	11(10.7)	43(19.5)	280(18.5)	
	Total	1189	103	220	1512	
14	Do you inform your dentist about your food or drug allergies, medical history, and medication intake before dental procedures?					
	Yes	952(80.1)	82(79.6)	182(83.1)	1216(80.5)	0.243
	No	150(12.6)	17(16.5)	28(12.8)	195(12.9)	
	I do not know	87(7.3)	4(3.9)	9(4.1)	100(6.6)	
	Total	1189	103	219	1511	
15	Dental caries is a common oral disease that can be prevented by brushing your teeth at least once daily					
	Agree	835(70.5)	77(74.8)	162(74.0)	1074(71.3)	0.050
	Disagree	203(17.1)	21(20.4)	41(18.7)	265(17.6)	
	I do not know	147(12.4)	5(4.9)	16(7.3)	168(11.1)	
	Total	1185	103	219	1597	
16	What is the number of permanent teeth in the oral cavity?					
	28	235(19.8)	21(20.4)	27(12.3)	283(18.8)	<0.001
	32	793(67.0)	66(64.1)	186(84.9)	1045(69.4)	
	I do not know	156(13.2)	16(15.5)	6(2.7)	178(11.8)	
	Total	1184	103	219	1506	
17	At what age the first permanent tooth erupts?					
	8 years	383(32.4)	50(48.5)	69(31.5)	502(33.4)	0.007
	6 years	643(54.4)	39(37.9)	126(57.5)	808(53.7)	
	I do not know	157(13.3)	14(13.6)	24(11.0)	195(13.0)	
	Total	1183	103	219	1505	
18	How long should you avoid eating and drinking after using a mouthwash?					
	Half an hour	654(55.6)	44(43.1)	131(60.4)	829(55.4)	<0.001
	2 hours	420(35.7)	56(54.9)	66(30.4)	542(36.2)	
	6 hours	103(8.8)	2(2.0)	20(9.2)	125(8.4)	
	Total	1177	102	217	1496	
19	For how long you should keep the gauze over the tooth extraction area?					
	15 minutes	380(32.4)	44(44.0)	83(38.4)	507(34.0)	0.087
	Half an hour	300(25.6)	22(22.0)	54(25.0)	376(25.2)	
	One hour	494(42.1)	34(34.0)	79(36.6)	607(40.7)	
	Total	1174	100	216	1490	
20	For how long should you avoid eating hot foods after tooth extraction?					
	8 hours	327(27.8)	29(28.4)	75(34.9)	431(28.9)	0.171
	12 hours	466(39.6)	40(39.2)	86(40.0)	592(39.7)	
	24 hours	383(32.6)	33(32.4)	54(25.1)	470(31.5)	
	Total	1176	102	215	1493	
21	In case of minor gingival bleeding after toothbrushing or flossing, what would be the best action?					
	Giving up daily toothbrushing and flossing	202(17.1)	9(8.7)	26(11.9)	273(15.8)	
	Using a toothpick instead of a toothbrush and	46(3.9)	2(1.9)	6(2.7)	54(3.6)	

	toothpaste					
	Continuing daily toothbrushing and flossing	331(28.1)	23(22.3)	66(30.1)	420(28.0)	0.022
	Visiting a dentist	601(50.9)	69(67.0)	121(55.3)	791(52.7)	
	Total	1180	103	219	1502	
22	If you feel pain and swelling in your mouth, what would be the best action?					
	Taking antibiotics	136(11.6)	8(7.8)	11(5.0)	155(10.3)	<0.001
	Taking pain relievers	180(15.3)	15(14.6)	14(6.4)	209(13.9)	
	Consulting a family member	44(3.7)	1(1.0)	6(2.7)	51(3.4)	
	Visiting a dentist	767(65.2)	76(73.8)	178(81.3)	1021(68.1)	
	I do not know	50(4.2)	3(2.9)	10(4.6)	63(4.2)	
	Total	1177	103	219	1499	

*Chi-square test