

**MOLAR CARIES STATUS OF
SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN
OF DHARWAD**

CERTIFICATE

**SHORT SURVEY
AS
LIBRARY DISSERTATION
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ABSTRACT

Dental caries constitutes the major dental health problem in most regions of the world and in particular caries, in the molar teeth. A dental health survey was conducted to assess the molar caries status of school going children of Dharwad. The sample consisted of 800 school children, 451 boys and 349 girls of mixed socio-economic classes. The ages were confined to 6, 9, 12 and 15 years. The data was collected regarding molar caries status by clinical examination using dft and DMFT indices.

The results showed that the total affected deciduous mandibular molars in 6 year old group were 446, in 9 year old group 373 and 73 in 12 year old group. The total affected molars in 6 year old group were 325. In 9 year old group 324 and 68 in 12 year old group.

The total permanent carious molars in 6 year old group were mandibular 42, maxillary 17, in the 9 year old group, 66 and 34, amongst the 12 year old group 189 and 86 and in the 15 year old age group 274 and 128.

Finally it was concluded, as age increased the number of carious deciduous molars decreased and the number of permanent carious molars increased with age with an alarming pace.