

Discrimination Reduces Utilization of Routine Dental Care



Study Design

- Data came from National Survey of Midlife Development in the United States
- Examined the association between discrimination and utilization of routine dental care
- Used multivariable regression modelling to account for other known confounders



Results

- 2,499 participants had valid responses for utilization of routine dental care
- Increased exposure to lifetime discrimination experiences is associated with a decreasing likelihood of having a routine dental visit in the past 12 months
- Other covariates associated with having routine dental visits were —
 - increasing age
 - being female
 - being insured
 - higher income status
 - having an education status of college or more
 - good overall physical health