A Community-Based Culturally Competent Oral Health Promotion for Migrant Older Adults Living in Melbourne, Australia

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Research aim:
To evaluate the effect of a theory-based oral health promotion intervention in a community environment by a nondental peer educator on the oral hygiene and gingival health of independent-living Italian older adults.

Results/Conclusion:
Controlling for pretest scores, the experimental group was significantly more likely than the control group to have improved gingival status and self-efficacy. No significant effects were found regarding dental plaque. Within the setting of Italian social clubs, the intervention was effective at increasing self-efficacy and reducing gingival bleeding. As such, it represents a useful approach for the design of oral health interventions in older migrant adults.

Implications:
Cultural Group(s):
Italian

Location of study:
Victoria (Melbourne)

Age group:
55+

Number included in study:
144

Type of participants:
Active older members of Italian social clubs

Research approach:
Observational

Type of data:
Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: