Profile of the oral health among ambulant older Greek and Italian migrants living in Melbourne

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Research aim:
To explore whether older immigrants born in Greece and Italy are at higher risk for oral diseases. This paper presents data on the oral health status of a convenience sample of 721 ambulant Greek- (n=367) and Italian-born (n=354) adults aged 55 years or older.

Results/Conclusion:
Comparing these findings with existing data on oral health of older adults in Australia, the participants in this study appear to have lower DMFS scores and a higher prevalence of gingivitis, but less need for complex periodontal treatment. Inequalities were apparent in the proportion of unmet restorative and prosthetics needs.

Implications:

Cultural Group(s):
Italian, Greek

Location of study:
Victoria (Melbourne)

Age group:
55+

Number included in study:
721

Type of participants:
Volunteer Greek and Italian born community dwelling adults aged 55+ recruited through ethnic social clubs

Research approach:
quantitative (observational?)

Type of data:
Primary

Secondary data sources used:

Specific scales or analytical techniques used:

Implications/ Recommendations:

Notes: