

# 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:**