

38. Occurrence of streptococcus and candida species and salivary ph in patients wearing complete denture

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The oral cavity is a moist environment which is kept at a relatively constant temperature (34 to 36°C) and a pH close to neutrality in most areas and thus supports the growth of a wide variety of microorganisms. The microbial flora of the oral cavity is rich and extremely diverse. This diversity is due to the fact that the mouth is composed of a various bacteria, viruses and fungi supplied with a wide range of different nutrients. Dentures also provide a protected habitat, especially beneath the fitting surface, which results in colonization and growth by a range of bacteria and yeasts. . Hence a study was conducted to examine the carriage of streptococcus spp. And candida spp. In the oral cavity of complete denture wearers and non-denture wearers. Ph of saliva was also assessed.

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