

Low Back Pain and Its Associated Factors in Dentists

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ABSTRACT

Dentists often experience pain while working, especially in the lower back area. The aim of this study was to find the factors associated with the occurrence of low back pain or complaints. The factors **studied** are age, number of patients, and type of cases handled by the dentist. The data were collected by using Oswestry Low Back Pain Disability Questionnaire (ODQ). The number of samples 86 dentists (100% responses) in Makassar, selected by simple random sampling method. The results was of this study reveal a significant relationship between age of dentist and the complaints of Low Back Pain ($p < 0.05$), but was not a significant relationship ages of dentist, average numbers of dentist per week, types of cases handled by dentist in last seven days and Low Back Pain.

Key words: low back pain, age of dentist, average number of patients, type of cases handled by the dentist.