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## RESUMO

O objetivo deste estudo é descrever a ocorrência de urgência odontológica e sua associação com fatores demográficos e socioeconômicos em pacientes maiores de 18 anos que procuram atendimento não agendado na Clínica de Urgência Odontológica de uma escola de Odontologia, além de traçar o perfil do atendimento, sua resolatividade e caracterização da demanda. Os participantes do estudo responderam a um questionário estruturado, com 40 questões, por meio de entrevista, após consulta de urgência. O questionário abordou características demográficas e socioeconômicas, história odontológica e o atendimento realizado, como motivos da consulta e necessidade de retorno. Foi realizada análise descritiva e os testes qui-quadrado de Pearson, Exato de Fisher e Teste de tendência linear foram conduzidos para avaliar a associação entre as características demográficas e socioeconômicas dos pacientes e o motivo da consulta, assim como a associação entre os motivos das consultas e a resolução do problema, prescrição medicamentosa, necessidade de exame radiográfico e realização de encaminhamento. Foram entrevistados 250 pacientes que buscaram atendimento na Clínica de Urgência em um período de 6 meses. Os participantes possuíam idades entre 18 e 84 anos, sendo 58% do sexo feminino e apresentavam baixa condição socioeconômica (menor que 1 salário mínimo). A maioria dos pacientes procuraram o serviço pela primeira vez (60.8%) e os principais motivos de procura estavam relacionados com a necessidade de realização de procedimentos restauradores (20%). A maior parte apresentava mais de 56 anos e buscava o serviço de prótese ( $p=0,05$ ). A maior proporção dos atendimentos relacionados a tratamentos restauradores foi resolvida ( $p=0,013$ ). Houve associação dos casos referentes a atendimentos endodônticos e a necessidade de exame radiográfico durante o tratamento ( $p=0,017$ ). Este estudo forneceu informações que auxiliam na compreensão do perfil dos pacientes que procuram os serviços de urgência, sendo os usuários majoritariamente mulheres, com idade média aproximada de 50 anos e baixa condição socioeconômica. Além disso, informações sobre dados demográficos, demandas de cuidados e tipos de pacientes, cruciais para o planejamento, monitoramento e reestruturação de serviços de saúde.

**Palavras-chave:** Odontologia. Emergência. Instituições Acadêmicas.

## **ABSTRACT**

This study investigates dental emergencies among adults over 18 seeking unscheduled care at an Emergency Dental Clinic affiliated with a dentistry school, examining demographic and socioeconomic factors and outlining care profiles, resolutions, and demand characteristics. Participants completed a structured questionnaire, with 40 questions, post-emergency consultation, covering demographic, socioeconomic, and dental history details, as well as care specifics like consultation reasons and follow-up needs. Descriptive analysis and statistical tests (Pearson's chi-square, Fisher's exact, and linear trend) assessed associations between patient demographics/socioeconomics, consultation reasons, and outcomes (resolution, medication, radiography, referral). Interviews were conducted with 250 patients over six months. Most were aged 18-84 (58% female) and from low socioeconomic backgrounds (less than a minimum wage). Primary reasons for seeking care included restorative needs (20%), often for first-time visitors (60.8%). Prosthetic requests were notably higher among those over 56 years ( $p=0.05$ ), while restorative cases saw higher resolution rates ( $p=0.013$ ). Endodontic cases frequently required radiographic examination ( $p=0.017$ ). This study yields insights that helped to understand the profile of patients seeking emergency services, with the majority of users being women, an average age of approximately 50 years, and low socioeconomic status. Additionally, it offers data on demographics, care demands, and patient types, crucial for health service planning, monitoring, and restructuring.

**Keywords:** Dentistry. Emergency. Academic Institutions.



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## **LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS**

|       |                                               |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------|
| ABEP  | Associação Brasileira de Empresas de Pesquisa |
| CNS   | Conselho Nacional de Saúde                    |
| ENADE | Exame Nacional de Desempenho dos Estudantes   |
| EUA   | Estados Unidos da América                     |
| IL    | Illinois                                      |
| INC   | Incorporação                                  |
| MG    | Minas Gerais                                  |
| ONU   | Organização das Nações Unidas                 |
| PA    | Clínicas de Pronto Atendimento                |
| PIB   | Produto Interno Bruto                         |
| SPSS  | Statistical Package for the Social Sciences   |
| TCLE  | Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido    |
| UFJF  | Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora          |

## LISTA DE SÍMBOLOS

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| km <sup>2</sup> | Quilômetros quadrados |
| R\$             | Real                  |
| %               | Percentual            |
| ≤               | Menor ou igual        |
| =               | Igual                 |
| +               | Mais                  |
| <               | Menor                 |

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## 1 INTRODUÇÃO

As doenças bucais são consideradas um problema mundial de saúde pública, que podem trazer complicações em pessoas de todas as idades e de diferentes níveis socioeconômicos. Tais condições, como doença periodontal, cárie dentária e dentes perdidos e restaurados, são responsáveis por diminuir a qualidade de vida dos indivíduos, pois causam problemas funcionais, estéticos, nutricionais e psicológicos, além de quadros de dor e sofrimento (SPANEMBERG et al., 2019).

Algumas situações dentárias que causam dor, inchaço ou lesões resultantes de traumatismo dentário são reconhecidas como urgências odontológicas e ocasionam estresse para o paciente, o que requer intervenção para alívio dos sintomas (FARMAKIS et al., 2016; WORSLEY; ROBINSON e MARSHMAN, 2017). As urgências odontológicas incluem pulpite reversível e irreversível, urgências endodônticas entre consultas, traumatismo dentário, abscesso periapical e periodontal, celulite, pericoronarite e síndrome do dente rachado. Sendo que, na grande maioria dos casos, a dor apresentada nas urgências tem origem na patologia pulpar. Portanto, os tratamentos podem ser distintos, variando desde restaurações simples e restaurações invasivas até tratamento endodôntico, drenagem de abscesso e extração dentária (FARMAKIS et al., 2016).

O acesso aos serviços de saúde é um item fundamental no sistema de atendimento à população e também essencial para diminuir a disparidade de saúde entre os diferentes grupos socioeconômicos (REBELO VIEIRA et al., 2019). Embora as urgências odontológicas tenham como principal objetivo o alívio da dor, esse tipo de serviço tem sido a principal porta de entrada para o sistema, sendo sobrecarregado pelo grande fluxo de pacientes com casos menos complexos, que poderiam ser resolvidos nos níveis básicos de atenção à saúde (MATSUMOTO et al., 2017).

Os principais motivos para a procura de serviços odontológicos de urgência são devido a longos períodos de espera por atendimento e visitas irregulares ao dentista, atribuídos à dificuldade no acesso ao tratamento, ansiedade do paciente ao atendimento odontológico e a escassez de conhecimento sobre a importância da saúde bucal (BALENOVIC et al., 2019). Além disso, os pacientes que procuram pelo atendimento imediato, têm maior chance de continuarem a sofrer com problemas de saúde bucal, pois não recebem cuidados odontológicos preventivos padrão. Essa condição, além de gerar riscos adversos à saúde, exercem um impacto econômico

direto e indireto no paciente e na sociedade em geral (CURRIE et al., 2022). Nesse contexto, tem sido observado que uma grande parte daqueles que utilizam serviços de urgência odontológica mais de uma vez tem maior probabilidade de continuar a utilizá-los como seu principal meio para o atendimento odontológico (PEREIRA et al., 2020). Ademais, a construção de vínculo com a equipe de saúde pode depender de quão resolutivo possa ser este primeiro contato com o serviço, sendo que a descontinuidade no processo de atendimento integrado foi associada a sistemas de referência inadequados e interface deficiente entre os diversos serviços (PEREIRA et al., 2020).

Quanto aos fatores determinantes do uso de serviços odontológicos de urgências, parecem divergir do atendimento odontológico regular, sendo que as condições sociais dos usuários provavelmente influenciam na procura por esse padrão de atendimento, convergindo para indivíduos com piores condições socioeconômicas (CURRIE et al., 2021; FRICHEMBRUDER et al., 2020). Há ainda, a necessidade de entender as demais variáveis que influenciam o atendimento odontológico orientado para o problema, a fim de que intervenções sejam feitas de forma adequada, incentivando o cuidado dentário regular e melhorando o acesso e a qualidade da atenção à saúde bucal no Brasil (CURRIE et al., 2021; CURRIE et al., 2022; FRICHEMBRUDER et al., 2020).

Portanto, o objetivo deste estudo é descrever a ocorrência de urgência odontológica e sua associação com fatores sociodemográficos em pacientes que procuram atendimento odontológico de urgência não agendado.

## **2 OBJETIVOS**

O objetivo deste estudo é descrever a ocorrência de urgência odontológica e sua associação com fatores demográficos e socioeconômicos em pacientes que procuram atendimento odontológico de urgência não agendado.

### **2.1 OBJETIVOS ESPECÍFICOS**

Identificar as principais demandas no atendimento de urgência odontológica, além de revelar o perfil do paciente que procura por esse padrão de atendimento. Ainda, verificar a efetividade do atendimento prestado na urgência odontológica, bem como a necessidade de integralização do cuidado iniciado nessa etapa.



### 3 MATERIAIS E MÉTODOS

#### 3.1 Localização do estudo

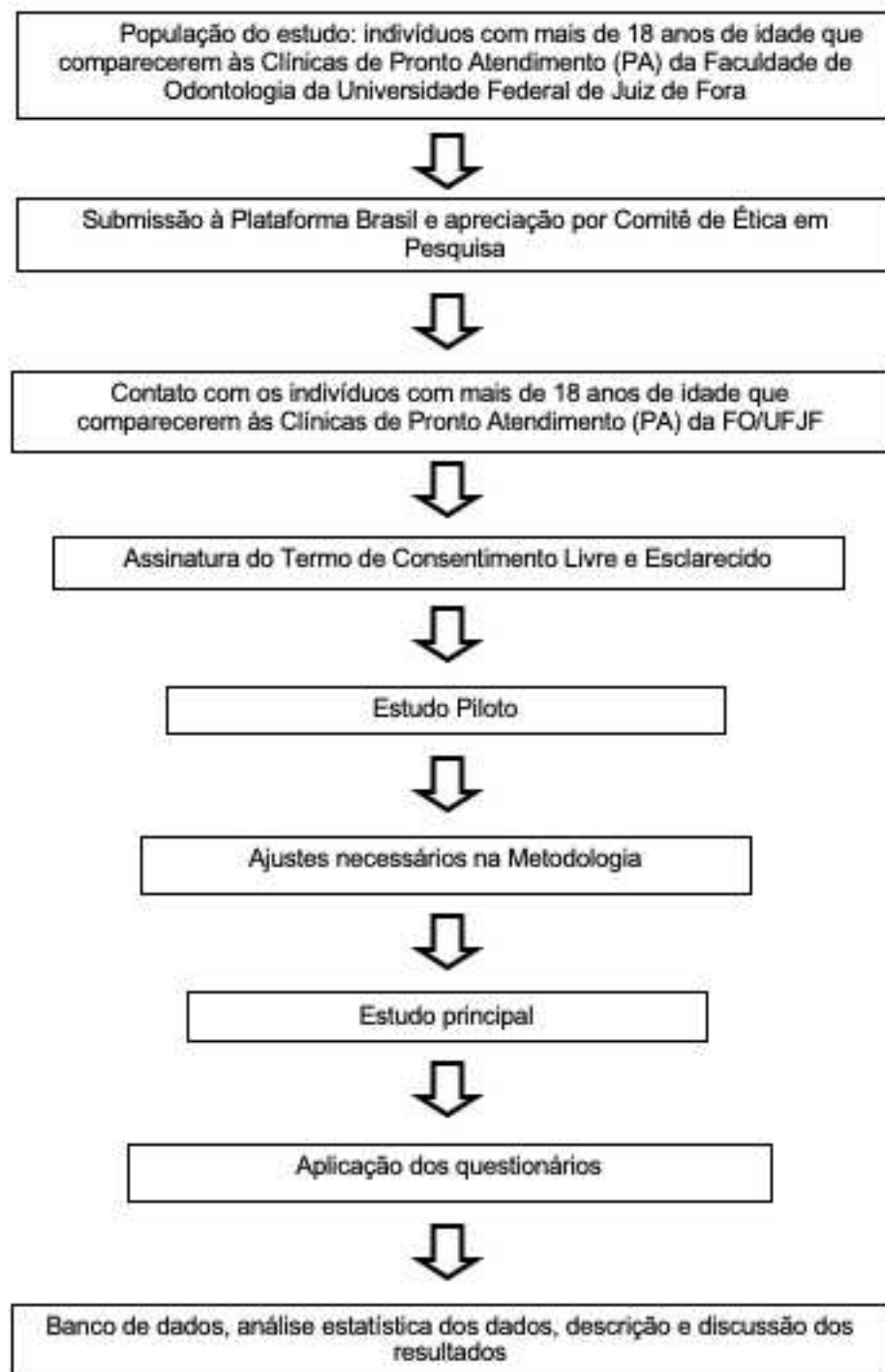
Com área total de 1.429,875 km<sup>2</sup>, Juiz de Fora é uma das cidades brasileiras com melhores índices de qualidade de vida. A cidade tem um produto interno bruto (PIB) per capita de R\$ 6,2 mil e uma das mais altas expectativas de vida do Brasil, além de se destacar no ranking de desenvolvimento humano da Organização das Nações Unidas (ONU). Estrategicamente, localizada entre os maiores mercados consumidores do País, é dotada de toda a infra-estrutura exigida para modernos empreendimentos. (<https://www.pjf.mg.gov.br/cidade/>). Com cerca de 540.756 habitantes (censo 2022), o município de porte médio localizada no interior de Minas Geras é polo da Zona da Mata e se localiza a sudeste da capital do Estado. A cidade possui condições logísticas especiais, excelente capital humano e completa rede de formação e pesquisa, além de tradição industrial e diversidade econômica e cultural. (<https://desenvolvejf.pjf.mg.gov.br/>). A Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF), uma instituição pública e gratuita, posiciona-se como um polo científico, econômico e cultural de uma região de mais de três milhões de habitantes. Classificada entre as cem melhores universidades da América Latina e entre as mil do mundo, tem consolidado seu reconhecimento nacional e internacional. Em seus dois campi, Juiz de Fora e Governador Valadares, há a formação qualificada de 26 mil estudantes, por meio da atuação de mais de 1.600 professores e 1.500 técnico-administrativos em educação, a disponibilidade de 18 bibliotecas, mais de 370 laboratórios e a oferta de assistência estudantil. Além disso, A UFJF é constituída como centro de pesquisa e de extensão e fomenta e gerencia importantes espaços culturais de Juiz de Fora, tais como o Museu de Arte Murilo Mendes, o Cine-Theatro Central e o Memorial Itamar Franco, bem como de educação ambiental e científica, a exemplo do Jardim Botânico e do Centro de Ciências. (<https://www2.ufjf.br/ufjf/sobre/apresentacao/>). A Faculdade de Odontologia da UFJF, fundada em 1904, destaca-se entre os melhores cursos de Graduação em Odontologia, com conceito máximo no Exame Nacional de Desempenho dos Estudantes (Enade) em 2019. Possui corpo docente amplamente qualificado e de relevância nacional. 12 (<https://www.ufjf.br/gradodonto/inicial/>). Além de promover o ensino de excelência, se sobressai na assistência odontológica a população, uma vez que são realizados cerca de 7 mil procedimentos/mês, nos

diversos níveis de complexidade, o que a torna referência regional no atendimento odontológico. (<https://www2.ufjf.br/odontologia/apresentacao/>).

### 3.2 Desenho do estudo

Trata-se de um estudo observacional transversal. Na Figura 1 é apresentado um fluxograma explicativo da metodologia aplicada ao desenho do estudo.

Figura 1- Fluxograma da metodologia empregada no estudo



Fonte: Elaborado pelo autor (2023).

### 3.3 População do estudo

### *3.3.1 Seleção da Amostra*

A população do estudo foi composta por indivíduos com mais de 18 anos de idade que compareceram às Clínicas de Pronto Atendimento (PA) da Faculdade de Odontologia da Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, localizada no município de Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brasil.

### *3.3.2 Critérios de Elegibilidade*

Critérios de inclusão:

Foram incluídos no estudo indivíduos com idade mínima de 18 anos que comparecerem nas Clínicas de Pronto Atendimento da Faculdade de Odontologia da Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora independente do sexo ou grau de escolaridade.

Critérios de exclusão:

Foram excluídos participantes com algum comprometimento neurocognitivo que impossibilitasse a resposta aos questionários.

### *3.3.3 Cálculo Amostral*

Para o cálculo da amostra, foi levado em consideração que são atendidos em torno de 12 pacientes por clínica, sendo 4 clínicas semanais, contabilizando um total de 48 pacientes por semana. Como o semestre letivo tem 15 semanas, estima-se um total de 720 pacientes por semestre. Com base neste número, foi realizado cálculo do tamanho da amostra para frequência em uma população e o valor final, adotando um intervalo de confiança de 95%, foi de 251 voluntários.

## **3.4 Coleta dos dados**

A coleta de dados ocorreu após a consulta de urgência, quando a pesquisadora apresentou o estudo aos participantes. Aqueles que concordaram em participar e assinaram o Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido (TCLE) responderam a um questionário estruturado, por meio de entrevista, desenvolvido pelos pesquisadores com base em estudos prévios. Foram entrevistados 250 pacientes que buscaram

atendimento nas Clínicas de Estágio em Urgência Odontológica da FO-UFJF em um período de 6 meses (junho a novembro do ano de 2023).

#### *3.4.1 Questionário*

O questionário composto por 40 questões objetivas foi dividido em duas partes: parte I contendo 19 perguntas sobre dados pessoais como idade, sexo, escolaridade, renda familiar mensal e classificação socioeconômica baseada no questionário da Associação Brasileira de Empresas de Pesquisa (ABEP, 2018); e parte II incluindo 21 perguntas sobre a história odontológica e o atendimento realizado, como motivos da consulta e necessidade de retorno. (Apêndice 1)

### 3.5 Aspectos éticos

O projeto de pesquisa foi submetido à apreciação e análise do Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa em Seres Humanos da Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, através da Plataforma Brasil em 07/06/2023 e aprovado sob o protocolo CAAE nº 70298723.1.0000.5147 (Anexo A).

Foi elaborado o Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido, impresso em duas vias originais, sendo que uma foi arquivada pela pesquisadora responsável e a outra fornecida aos participantes. Os dados coletados na pesquisa ficarão arquivados com a pesquisadora responsável por um período de 5 (cinco) anos. Decorrido este tempo, a pesquisadora avaliará os documentos para a sua destinação final, de acordo com a legislação vigente. A pesquisadora tratará a sua identidade com padrões profissionais de sigilo, atendendo a legislação brasileira (Resolução Nº 466/12 do Conselho Nacional de Saúde), utilizando as informações somente para os fins acadêmicos e científicos, garantindo também a livre escolha em participar ou não do estudo. (Apêndice 2).

### 3.6 Estudo piloto

Um estudo piloto foi conduzido com 50 pessoas, com o objetivo de testar e ajustar a metodologia proposta para o estudo primordial. Foram realizadas pequenas

alterações em relação à redação do questionário que não alterariam as respostas dos entrevistados, sendo, portanto, o estudo piloto incluído na amostra final.

Vale ressaltar que os resultados do estudo piloto foram descritos juntamente com os resultados do estudo principal.

### 3.7 Análise estatística

Todas as análises estatísticas foram conduzidas usando o Pacote Estatístico para Ciências Sociais (SPSS, versão 21.0). Foi realizada uma análise descritiva para todas as variáveis. As características das visitas ao serviço de urgência foram expressas como frequência e percentagens. Os testes qui-quadrado de Pearson, Exato de Fisher e Teste de tendência linear foram conduzidos para avaliar a associação entre as características demográficas e socioeconômicas dos pacientes e o motivo da consulta, assim como a associação entre os motivos das consultas e a resolução do problema, prescrição medicamentosa, necessidade de exame radiográfico e realização de encaminhamento. A significância estatística foi considerada para valores de  $p \leq 0,05$  (ou 5%).

#### **4 ARTIGO CIENTÍFICO**

O presente estudo deu origem ao manuscrito intitulado “Emergency dental care: a study at a dentistry school”, formatado conforme as Instruções aos Autores do periódico Journal of Public Health Dentistry (Anexo B), Qualis A3 na área da Odontologia, fator de impacto 1,8.

## TITLE PAGE

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## MAIN TEXT

### Emergency dental care: a study at a dentistry school

#### ABSTRACT

**Background/Aim:** This study investigates dental emergencies among adults over 18 seeking unscheduled care at an Emergency Dental Clinic affiliated with a dentistry school, examining demographic and socioeconomic factors and outlining care profiles, resolutions, and demand characteristics. **Methods:** Participants completed a structured questionnaire post-emergency consultation, covering demographic, socioeconomic, and dental history details, as well as care specifics like consultation reasons and follow-up needs. Descriptive analysis and statistical tests (Pearson's chi-square, Fisher's exact, and linear trend) assessed associations between patient demographics/socioeconomics, consultation reasons, and outcomes (resolution, medication, radiography, referral). **Results:** Interviews were conducted with 250 patients over six months. Most were aged 18-84 (58% female) and from low socioeconomic backgrounds. Primary reasons for seeking care included restorative, prosthetic, or endodontic needs, often for first-time visitors. Prosthetic requests were notably higher among those over 56 years ( $p=0.05$ ), while restorative cases saw higher resolution rates ( $p=0.013$ ). Endodontic cases frequently required radiographic examination ( $p=0.017$ ). **Conclusions:** This study yields insights into patient demographics, care demands, and types, crucial for health service planning, monitoring, and restructuring.

**Keywords:** Dentistry. Emergency. Academic Institutions.

#### INTRODUCTION

Although oral diseases can be largely prevented, they are considered a global public health problem [1, 2], which can cause complications in people of all ages and different socioeconomic levels. These conditions reduce quality of life, causing

functional, aesthetic, nutritional and psychological problems, as well as pain and suffering [2]. Certain dental situations that cause pain, swelling or lesions resulting from dental trauma are identified as dental emergencies, causing stress for the patient and requiring intervention to relieve symptoms [3, 4].

Access to health services is a fundamental element in the population care system and is also essential to reduce health disparities between different socioeconomic groups [5]. Although the main objective of dental emergencies is pain relief, this type of service has been the main gateway to the system, being overcrowded by the large flow of patients with less complex cases, which could be resolved at basic health care levels [6]. In addition, these situations are best managed in dental offices, since it is unlikely that patients will receive definitive treatment and continuous follow-up in an emergency dental care unit [7].

In addition to clinical situations, other factors that lead people to seek emergency dental services include long waiting times for care and irregular visits to the dentist. These circumstances are often caused by difficulty in accessing treatment, patient anxiety regarding care, and lack of knowledge about the importance of oral health [8]. Furthermore, patients who seek emergency care, as they do not perform frequent preventive care, are more likely to continue to have oral health problems [9]. On the other hand, those who have used the service more than once are more likely to continue using it as their main means of care [9, 10].

The factors that determine the use of immediate dental care appear to differ from regular care, with the social conditions of users probably influencing the search for this type of care, especially among individuals with lower socioeconomic conditions [11, 12]. There is also a need to understand the other variables that influence emergency care, so that interventions can be appropriately carried out, encouraging

regular dental care and improving access to and quality of oral health care in Brazil [11-13]. Therefore, the aim of this study is to describe the occurrence of dental emergencies and their association with demographic and socioeconomic factors in patients over 18 years of age who seek unscheduled dental care at the Dental Emergency Internship Clinics, School of Dentistry of the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (FO-UFJF), and to outline the care profile, its resolution and demand characterization.

## **METHODS**

This cross-sectional study was approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of UFJF (CAEE 70298723.1.0000.5147) and its population consisted of individuals who sought care at the Dental Emergency Internship Clinics of FO-UFJF, located in the municipality of Juiz de Fora, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Individuals aged 18 years or older were included, regardless of gender or schooling level. Individuals with neurocognitive impairment that prevented them from answering the questionnaires were excluded from the study.

For sample size calculation, it was taken into account that approximately 12 patients are seen per clinic, with 4 clinics per week, totaling 48 patients per week. Since the school semester lasts 15 weeks, about 720 patients per semester sought dental care. Based on this number, the sample size was calculated for frequency in a population and the final value, adopting 95% confidence interval, resulting in 251 volunteers.

Data collection occurred after the emergency consultation, when the researcher presented the study to participants. Those who agreed to participate and signed the Free and Informed Consent Form (FICF) answered the structured questionnaire,

through an interview, developed by researchers based on previous studies [8, 14-16]. Over a 6-month period (June to November 2023), 250 patients who sought care at the FO-UFJF Dental Emergency Internship Clinics were interviewed. The questionnaire, which consisted of 40 objective questions, was divided into two parts: part I, containing 19 questions about personal data such as age, sex, schooling, monthly family income, and socioeconomic classification based on the questionnaire of the Brazilian Association of Research Companies (ABEP, 2018); and part II, including 21 questions about dental history and care provided, such as reasons for consultation and need for follow-up.

A pilot study was conducted with 50 individuals to test and adjust the proposed methodology. Minor changes were made to the wording of the questionnaire that did not alter the responses of the interviewees, and the pilot study was therefore included in the final sample. All statistical analyses were conducted using the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS, version 21.0). Descriptive analysis was performed for all variables. The characteristics of emergency service visits were expressed as frequencies and percentages. Pearson's chi-square test, Fisher's exact test, and linear trend test were conducted to assess the association between patients' demographic and socioeconomic characteristics and the reason for consultation, as well as the association between the reasons for consultations and problem resolution, medication prescription, need for radiographic examination, and referral. Statistical significance was considered for  $p\text{-values} \leq 0.05$  (or 5%).

## RESULTS

A total of 250 patients who sought care at the Dental Emergency Internship Clinics of FO-UFJF over a 6-month period (June to November 2023) were interviewed.

Participants aged 18-84 years, with average age of 50.16 (+16.210) years, and 58.0% (n = 145) were female. The majority (n=138; 55.2%) had more than 8 years of schooling, family income less than R\$1.720,00 (n=105; 42%) and belonged to socioeconomic class C (n=136; 54.4%).

Table 1 shows the characteristics of volunteers according to age, sex, schooling, monthly family income and socioeconomic classification according to ABEP.

**TABLE 1. Sample characterization (N = 250).**

|                                                    | N   | %    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|------|
| <b>Age</b>                                         |     |      |
| 18 to 25 years                                     | 23  | 9.2  |
| 25 to 35 years                                     | 31  | 12.4 |
| 35 to 45 years                                     | 33  | 13.2 |
| 45 to 55 years                                     | 55  | 22   |
| Over 55 years                                      | 108 | 43.2 |
| <b>Sex</b>                                         |     |      |
| Female                                             | 145 | 58   |
| Male                                               | 105 | 42   |
| <b>Schooling</b>                                   |     |      |
| < 8 years                                          | 112 | 44.8 |
| ≥ 8 years                                          | 138 | 55.2 |
| <b>Income</b>                                      |     |      |
| Lower than 1.720,00                                | 105 | 42.0 |
| Lower class (R\$ 1.720,01 to R\$ 2.590,00)         | 69  | 27.6 |
| Lower middle class (R\$ 2.590,01 to R\$ 4.315,00)  | 57  | 22.8 |
| Middle class (R\$ 4.315,01 to R\$ 8.630,00)        | 16  | 6.4  |
| Upper middle class (R\$ 8.630,01 to R\$ 17.260,00) | 3   | 1.2  |
| Higher class (more than R\$ 17.260,01)             | 0   | 0    |
| <b>Socioeconomic class</b>                         |     |      |
| A                                                  | 4   | 1.6  |
| B                                                  | 41  | 16.4 |
| C                                                  | 136 | 54.4 |
| D-E                                                | 69  | 27.6 |

When asked how many times they had visited the FO-UFJF emergency service, 152 (60.8%) participants reported that it was the first time. Among all those interviewed, only 24 patients (9.6%) were undergoing dental treatment at another clinic within the institution, 26 (10.4%) had a regular dentist outside the university, and 204 (81.6%) were not currently visiting a dentist. The main reasons for not attending regular dental appointments were financial issues and the habit of seeking care only in cases of pain

or the emergence of specific oral problems. In addition, 145 (58%) participants reported that their last visit to a dentist had also been at an emergency service.

Regarding the reason for consultation at the time of the interview, 50 (20%) participants needed to have some restoration done or redone, 47 (18.8%) sought care related to the use of dental prostheses, 44 (17.6%) had some endodontic problem, 31 (12.4%) volunteers needed to undergo some surgical procedure, 23 (9.2%) sought care due to periodontal problems, 14 (5.6%) had some pain or discomfort, and the remaining 41 patients (16.4%) reported various reasons such as pain in the temporomandibular joint, some discomfort with the use of orthodontic appliances, prevention, and aesthetics.

Table 2 shows the association between demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of patients and the reason for consultation at the Dental Emergency Internship Clinics of FO-UFJF. There was an association between age of participants and what led them to seek care ( $p=0.05$ ). Most participants were over 56 years old, with higher proportion seeking prosthesis services.

**TABLE 2. Demographic and socioeconomic characteristics and reasons for consultation (N = 250).**

|                                | Reason for consultation |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|---------|
|                                | Pain (%)                | Restoration (%) | Surgery (%) | Prosthesis (%) | Periodontal treatment (%) | Endodontic treatment (%) | Others (%) | Total (%)  | p-value |
| <b>All dental emergencies</b>  | 14 (5.6)                | 50 (20.0)       | 31 (12.4)   | 47 (18.8)      | 23 (9.2)                  | 44 (17.6)                | 41 (16.4)  | 250 (100)  |         |
| <b>Age</b>                     |                         |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
| 18 to 25 years                 | 2 (0.8)                 | 8 (3.2)         | 0 (0.0)     | 1 (0.4)        | 4 (1.6)                   | 6 (2.4)                  | 2 (0.8)    | 23 (9.2)   | 0.050   |
| 26 to 35 years                 | 4 (1.6)                 | 2 (0.8)         | 5 (2.0)     | 2 (0.8)        | 3 (1.2)                   | 11 (4.4)                 | 4 (1.6)    | 31 (12.4)  |         |
| 36 to 45 years                 | 1 (0.4)                 | 10 (4.0)        | 5 (2.0)     | 0 (0.0)        | 3 (1.2)                   | 8 (3.2)                  | 6 (2.4)    | 33 (13.2)  |         |
| 46 to 55 years                 | 3 (1.2)                 | 11 (4.4)        | 6 (2.4)     | 10 (4.0)       | 7 (2.8)                   | 9 (3.6)                  | 9 (3.6)    | 55 (22.0)  |         |
| Over 56 years                  | 4 (1.6)                 | 19 (7.6)        | 15 (6.8)    | 34 (13.6)      | 6 (2.4)                   | 10 (4.0)                 | 20 (8.0)   | 108 (43.2) |         |
| <b>Sex</b>                     |                         |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
| Female                         | 5 (2.0)                 | 30 (12.0)       | 19 (7.6)    | 26 (10.4)      | 12 (5.2)                  | 26 (10.4)                | 26 (10.4)  | 145 (58.0) | 0.715   |
| Male                           | 9 (3.6)                 | 20 (8.0)        | 12 (4.8)    | 21 (8.4)       | 10 (4.0)                  | 18 (7.2)                 | 15 (6.0)   | 105 (42.0) |         |
| <b>Schooling</b>               |                         |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
| < 8 years                      | 4 (1.6)                 | 15 (6.0)        | 16 (6.4)    | 26 (10.4)      | 8 (3.2)                   | 22 (8.8)                 | 21 (8.4)   | 112 (44.8) | 0.091   |
| ≥ 8 years                      | 10 (4.0)                | 35 (14.0)       | 15 (6.0)    | 21 (8.4)       | 15 (6.0)                  | 22 (8.8)                 | 20 (8.0)   | 138 (55.2) |         |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                         |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
| Lower than R\$1.720,00         | 5 (2.0)                 | 16 (6.4)        | 18 (7.2)    | 16 (6.4)       | 9 (3.6)                   | 23 (9.2)                 | 18 (7.2)   | 105 (42.0) | 0.289   |
| Lower class                    | 4 (1.6)                 | 17 (6.8)        | 5 (2.0)     | 13 (5.2)       | 6 (2.4)                   | 14 (5.6)                 | 10 (4.0)   | 69 (27.6)  |         |
| Lower middle class             | 3 (1.2)                 | 14 (5.6)        | 6 (2.4)     | 14 (5.6)       | 4 (1.6)                   | 7 (2.8)                  | 9 (3.6)    | 57 (22.8)  |         |
| Middle class                   | 1 (0.4)                 | 3 (1.2)         | 1 (0.4)     | 4 (1.6)        | 4 (1.6)                   | 0 (0.0)                  | 3 (1.2)    | 16 (6.4)   |         |
| Upper middle class             | 1 (0.4)                 | 0 (0.0)         | 1 (0.4)     | 0 (0.0)        | 0 (0.0)                   | 0 (0.0)                  | 1 (0.4)    | 3 (1.2)    |         |
| Upper class                    | 0 (0.0)                 | 0 (0.0)         | 0 (0.0)     | 0 (0.0)        | 0 (0.0)                   | 0 (0.0)                  | 0 (0.0)    | 0 (0.0)    |         |
| <b>Socioeconomic condition</b> |                         |                 |             |                |                           |                          |            |            |         |
| A                              | 0 (0.0)                 | 0 (0.0)         | 1 (0.4)     | 1 (0.4)        | 1 (0.4)                   | 0 (0.0)                  | 1 (0.4)    | 4 (1.6)    | 0.650   |
| B                              | 6 (2.4)                 | 8 (3.2)         | 5 (2.0)     | 7 (2.8)        | 6 (2.4)                   | 3 (1.2)                  | 6 (2.4)    | 41 (16.4)  |         |
| C                              | 5 (2.0)                 | 33 (13.2)       | 14 (5.6)    | 26 (10.4)      | 12 (4.8)                  | 25 (10.0)                | 21 (8.4)   | 136 (54.4) |         |
| D-E                            | 3 (1.2)                 | 9 (3.6)         | 11 (4.4)    | 13 (5.2)       | 4 (1.6)                   | 16 (6.4)                 | 13 (5.2)   | 69 (27.6)  |         |

Among the 250 consultations performed, in 179 (71.6%) of them, the reason for the consultation was resolved on the same day. For the remaining patients who had their problems resolved, dental treatments indicated for each case and targeted guidance were performed. For 43 (17.2%) participants, prescription for some medication was required during consultation. In addition, radiographic examinations were required for diagnostic aid in 162 (64.8%) consultations and 174 (69.6%) participants were referred to another FO-UFJF clinic or another professional to continue treatment. Table 3 shows that there was an association between the reason



for the consultation and the resolution of the main complaint ( $p=0.013$ ) and the need for radiographic examination ( $p=0.017$ ). The majority of cases related to restorative treatments were resolved ( $n=44$ ; 88.0%), while the majority of cases involving surgical procedures ( $n=23$ ; 74.2%) were not resolved at the time of consultation. Among cases related to endodontic treatments, 43 (97.7%) required radiographic examination during treatment.

**TABLE 3. Reasons for consultation and variables related to the procedure performed (N = 250).**

|                                | Procedure performed |           |         |                |            |         |                              |           |         |              |           |         |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|--------------|-----------|---------|
|                                | Resolved (%)        |           |         | Medication (%) |            |         | Radiographic examination (%) |           |         | Referral (%) |           |         |
|                                | Yes                 | No        | p-value | Yes            | No         | p-value | Yes                          | No        | p-value | Yes          | No        | p-value |
| <b>Reason for consultation</b> |                     |           |         |                |            |         |                              |           |         |              |           |         |
| Pain                           |                     |           |         |                |            |         |                              |           |         |              |           |         |
| Restoration                    | 5 (2.0)             | 9 (3.6)   |         | 4 (1.6)        | 10 (4.0)   |         | 11 (4.4)                     | 3 (1.2)   |         | 10 (4.0)     | 4 (1.6)   |         |
| Surgery                        | 44 (17.6)           | 6 (2.4)   |         | 3 (1.2)        | 47 (18.8)  |         | 35 (14.0)                    | 15 (6.0)  |         | 27 (10.8)    | 23 (9.2)  |         |
| Prosthesis                     | 8 (3.2)             | 23 (9.2)  |         | 14 (5.6)       | 17 (6.8)   |         | 24 (9.6)                     | 7 (2.8)   |         | 26 (10.4)    | 5 (2.0)   |         |
| Periodontal treatment          | 40 (16.0)           | 7 (2.8)   |         | 1 (0.4)        | 46 (18.4)  |         | 21 (8.4)                     | 26 (10.4) |         | 24 (9.6)     | 23 (9.2)  |         |
| Endodontic treatment           | 20 (8.0)            | 3 (1.2)   |         | 5 (2.0)        | 18 (7.2)   |         | 11 (4.4)                     | 12 (4.8)  |         | 16 (6.4)     | 7 (2.8)   |         |
| Others                         | 35 (14.0)           | 9 (3.6)   |         | 8 (3.2)        | 36 (14.4)  |         | 43 (17.2)                    | 1 (0.4)   |         | 38 (15.2)    | 6 (2.4)   |         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | 27 (10.8)           | 14 (5.6)  | 0.013   | 8 (3.2)        | 33 (13.2)  | 0.880   | 17 (6.8)                     | 24 (9.6)  | 0.017   | 33 (13.2)    | 8 (3.2)   | 0.657   |
|                                | 179 (71.6)          | 71 (28.4) |         | 43 (17.2)      | 207 (82.8) |         | 162 (64.8)                   | 88 (35.2) |         | 174 (69.6)   | 76 (30.4) |         |

## DISCUSSION

This study was carried out at the Federal University of Juiz de Fora (UFJF), a public institution that offers a range of free dental care services through its school emergency dental clinics, provided by undergraduate students supervised by professors. Around 7,000 dental procedures are performed per month at this school, at various levels of complexity, making the school a regional dental care reference (FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF JUIZ DE FORA. Presentation. Available at: <<https://www2.ufjf.br/odontologia/apresentacao/>>. Accessed on: July 7, 2024). Care is provided at regular clinics, by appointment and following a waiting list, through patient

referral by the Basic Health Unit (UBS) or by the School's own Dental Emergency Internship Clinics, which operate without the need for referral, in four different shifts, on a first-come first-served basis, to treat cases of pain or dental emergencies.

This study provided information that helps to understand the profile of patients seeking emergency services, with users being mainly women, with average age of approximately 50 years and low socioeconomic condition. In addition, the investigation found that most patients sought the service for the first time and the main reasons for seeking it were related to the need for some restorative, prosthetic or endodontic procedure. It was also found that in most cases, the complaint was resolved. These findings are important for understanding emergency dental care and the demand characteristics, so that actions aimed at the profile of these patients can be developed [13].

As in other studies [3, 13, 19], the majority of individuals who sought the service were female. This fact can be justified by the greater tendency of women to take care of their health [3]. Regarding the socioeconomic conditions of participants, the majority had monthly family income corresponding to approximately one Brazilian minimum wage and belonged to Class C. In previous studies, it was observed that individuals who sought immediate dental care at hospital emergency services were predominantly those from low-income families and who did not have dental insurance [6, 20]. For Farmarkis et al., lower-income individuals are more likely to seek dental care at an emergency service, while higher-income populations are more likely to visit a private dentist. This is due to the fact that the emergency service is an important point of care for dental complaints and a known gateway to the health system for people with difficulty accessing routine preventive services [21].

On the other hand, our findings reveal that the majority of volunteers had more than 8 years of schooling. It is believed that schooling is a determining factor in seeking dental services, in addition to being decisive in seeking access to dental care and choosing preventive or curative treatment [22]. In the study by Ghanbarzadegan et al., participants with lower schooling level were less likely than their counterparts with higher education to visit a dentist or receive dental care in the last 12 months. Furthermore, Galvão et al. found that the population with lower schooling level was more likely to have irregular follow-up and never to have visited the dentist.

Regarding the age of patients, studies have presented results that varied between 1 and 97 years and different age groups with greater representation [3, 6, 8, 15, 16, 20]. In the present study, participants aged 18-84 years and the most representative age group was people over 56 years old. The predominant reason for consultation in this age group was related to the need for prosthetic procedures. The lack of access to preventive and conservative dental consultations leads to significant tooth loss among the population over the years [6], which explains the higher proportion of patients over 56 years of age seeking prosthetics services, since association between age and the reason for seeking care was found ( $p=0.05$ ).

The search for emergency dental care in the public sector varies considerably between different services, highlighting the direct influence of government policies on the accessibility and coverage of dental treatments. As a result, complaints presented by users seeking these services also differ significantly between countries and even between municipalities within the same country [14]. In some studies, pain was the main reason for seeking care [3, 6, 15, 16]. In our findings, only 5.6% of respondents had some pain or discomfort as their main complaint, with most people (20%) needing to have some restoration done or redone. Furthermore, the search for emergency care

related to dental trauma has been reported by several authors [16, 19, 21, 24]. In contrast, in this investigation, there were no episodes of this type of emergency, possibly because it did not include children and adolescents, who comprise the age group with the highest occurrence of traumatic dental injuries [19, 21].

An association was observed between the reason for the emergency consultation and the resolution of the main complaint during consultation. The largest proportion of consultations related to restorative treatments were resolved, while the largest proportion of consultations involving surgical procedures were not resolved at the time of consultation, which may highlight the deficiency in the provision of elective treatments and/or complex and lengthy procedures.

Although the search for emergency care in the present study is related, in many cases, to the purpose of dental emergency clinics, there is still a major challenge with the number of users who seek care without first using the basic network [6]. Although most participants (60.8%) reported that it was their first time attending the Dental Emergency Internship Clinic at FO-UFJF, 145 (58%) volunteers reported that their last appointment with a dentist also occurred at an emergency service. In the findings of Matsumoto et al. (2017), approximately 20% of participants sought out the UBS closest to their homes at the first moment, while 80% sought the central emergency unit directly. According to Balenovic et al. (2019), 65.8% of patients did not consult their regular dentist due to the main complaint, confirming the fact that emergency dental services are often the main gateway to the system. Regarding the most common diagnoses reported by patients, it is clear that emergency dental services are being sought by patients with conditions that could be prevented in the primary health care dental office [8]. Uncertainty about the best way to access dental care and a lack of awareness about the actual availability of primary care dental services can lead

patients to seek care in settings that are not the most appropriate to meet their non-urgent dental needs. Therefore, educational campaigns should be developed to inform the population about the purpose of the services provided, as well as the extent and location of the basic outpatient care network, with the aim of improving the quality and efficiency of all services offered by the municipal network [6].

Furthermore, the results of this study indicate that the use of emergency services for dental problems is mostly carried out by people who did not visit the dentist on a regular basis. These results are in line with those obtained in previous studies, which report that patients do not have the habit of visiting the dentist on a regular basis, but seek help only when faced with an emergency situation [8, 15]. The main justifications for reporting the lack of regular dental appointments are financial issues and the habit of seeking care only in cases of discomfort. These results indicate that, since patients only seek care when they have acute toothache, they often use emergency services in secondary care, often repeatedly and for the same problem [13].

There was an association between the reason for the emergency consultation and the need for radiographic examination. This result contributes to the adequacy of the infrastructure needed to treat cases in which the use of complementary examinations is imperative, especially when the reason for the consultation involves endodontics, restoration and surgery, respectively, which were the treatments that most required radiographic procedures in this study.

In the present study, although the reason for the consultation was resolved on the same day in most appointments, 69.6% of patients needed to be referred to another FO-UFJF clinic or another professional to continue their treatment. In agreement, other studies have shown that after emergency treatment, most patients were referred to

other clinics [3, 21]. Ensuring adequate dental follow-up and referral after emergency care is difficult and complex [20]. In the study by Meyer et al., 2016, less than a third of patients seen at the emergency clinic were followed up for definitive care and 75% of referrals could not be contacted. For Huang et al., the rate of patients referred for additional dental treatment was 86.8% and the actual return rate was 40.1%. It is believed that coordination between dental clinics and emergency services is an essential component for the development of better dental care programs [20]. At FO-UFJF, the challenge of this interface is that patients are referred to undergo definitive and preventive treatments at the institution itself; however, there is a long waiting list to be considered.

Although data collection through direct interviews with volunteers minimized potential challenges associated with the quality of records, the study has some limitations. The sample exclusively composed of patients who sought care at the Dental Emergency Internship Clinics at FO-UFJF may introduce selection bias, not representing patients who attend other types of dental services in the region. Additionally, patients' self-reporting in questionnaires may lead to memory errors or underestimation of aspects such as socioeconomic conditions or medical history. The lack of control over external variables not addressed in questionnaires also limits the interpretation of results. Therefore, the generalization of findings to other populations or contexts beyond the region studied may be compromised by the specificity of the profile of research participants.

Clinics focused on emergency care have high passive demand, requiring accessibility to the entire population, especially in public services. These clinics can serve as an indicator of the health system's status and as a starting point for evaluating the services provided, providing managers with essential information to improve care

for the benefit of the population. Therefore, the results provided knowledge about the target population, demand and types of dental care, offering fundamental information for planning, monitoring and reorganizing health services.

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## 5 CONCLUSÃO

Este estudo forneceu informações que auxiliam na compreensão do perfil dos pacientes que procuram os serviços de urgência, sendo os usuários majoritariamente mulheres, com idade média aproximada de 50 anos e baixa condição socioeconômica. Além disso, a investigação constatou que a maioria dos pacientes procurou o serviço pela primeira vez e os principais motivos de procura estavam relacionados à necessidade de algum procedimento restaurador, protético ou endodôntico. Verificou-se também que, na maioria dos casos, a reclamação foi resolvida e houve necessidade de encaminhamento para integralização do cuidado odontológico. Portanto, o estudo contribuiu com informações fundamentais para o planejamento, monitoramento e reorganização dos serviços de saúde.

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## APÊNDICE 1 – Questionário estruturado

### QUESTIONÁRIO DE CONDIÇÕES SOCIODEMOGRÁFICAS

Este questionário faz parte da pesquisa “**Atendimento de urgência em uma escola de odontologia brasileira: um estudo prospectivo**” realizada pela mestranda Gabriela El-Corab Fiche aluna do Programa de Pós-Graduação da Faculdade de Odontologia da Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora (UFJF), com o objetivo de descrever a ocorrência de urgência odontológica e sua relação com fatores sociodemográficos em pacientes que procuram atendimento odontológico de urgência não agendado.

#### PARTE I – DADOS PESSOAIS

|                     |                                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Nome:               |                                                  |
| Data de nascimento: | Idade:                                           |
| Telefone:           | Endereço:                                        |
| Sexo:               |                                                  |
| 1                   | Feminino                                         |
| 2                   | Masculino                                        |
| Cor/raça:           |                                                  |
| 1                   | Amarelo                                          |
| 2                   | Branco                                           |
| 3                   | Indígena                                         |
| 4                   | Pardo                                            |
| 5                   | Preto                                            |
| Estado civil:       |                                                  |
| 1                   | Solteiro (a)                                     |
| 2                   | Casado (a)                                       |
| 3                   | Divorciado (a)                                   |
| 4                   | Viúva (a)                                        |
| Escolaridade:       |                                                  |
| 1                   | Analfabeto (a)                                   |
| 2                   | Fundamental I incompleto                         |
| 3                   | Fudamental I completo/ Fundamental II incompleto |
| 4                   | Fudamental II completo/ Médio incompleto         |
| 5                   | Médio completo/ Superior incompleto              |
| 6                   | Superior completo                                |
| 7                   | Pós-graduação                                    |
| Renda familiar:     |                                                  |
| 0                   | Menor que R\$ 1.720,00                           |
| 1                   | Baixa (R\$1.720,00 a R\$2.590,00)                |
| 2                   | Média baixa (R\$2.590,00 a R\$4.315,00)          |

|                                                         |                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 3                                                       | Média (R\$4.315,00 a R\$8.630,00)       |
| 4                                                       | Média alta (R\$8.630,00 a R\$17.260,00) |
| 5                                                       | Alta (mais que R\$ 17.260,00)           |
| 6                                                       | Não sei/ Não quero responder            |
| Quantas pessoas na família vivem com essa renda mensal? |                                         |
| Ocupação:                                               |                                         |
| Data de aplicação do questionário:                      |                                         |

## PARTE II - CONDIÇÕES SOCIODEMOGRÁFICAS - ABEP

Baseado no questionário da Associação Brasileira de Empresas de Pesquisa (ABEP, 2018)

As perguntas a seguir são sobre os itens do domicílio para efeito de classificação econômica. Todos os itens de eletrônicos que vou citar devem estar funcionando incluindo os que estão guardados. Caso não estejam funcionando, considere apenas se tiver intenção de consertar ou repor nos próximos seis meses.

|                                                     |                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A água utilizada no seu domicílio é proveniente de? |                            |
| 1                                                   | Rede geral de distribuição |
| 2                                                   | Poço ou nascente           |
| 3                                                   | Outro meio                 |

|                                                                        |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Considerando o trecho da rua do seu domicílio, você diria que a rua é: |                       |
| 1                                                                      | Asfaltada/Pavimentada |
| 2                                                                      | Terra/Cascalho        |

|                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Qual é o grau de escolaridade/ instrução do chefe da família? Considere como chefe da família a pessoa que contribui com a maior parte da renda do domicílio. |                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                                                             | Analfabeto/Fundamental I incompleto               |
| 2                                                                                                                                                             | Fundamental I completo/ Fundamental II incompleto |
| 3                                                                                                                                                             | Fundamental II completo/ Médio incompleto         |
| 4                                                                                                                                                             | Médio completo/ Superior incompleto               |
| 5                                                                                                                                                             | Superior completo                                 |

| Itens de conforto                                                                                                                                 | Não Possui | Quantidade |    |    |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|----|----|-----|
|                                                                                                                                                   |            | 11         | 32 | 33 | 44+ |
| Quantidade de automóveis de passeio exclusivamente para uso particular                                                                            |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de empregados mensalistas, considerando apenas os que trabalham pelo menos cinco dias por semana                                       |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de máquinas de lavar roupa, excluindo tanquinho                                                                                        |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de banheiros                                                                                                                           |            |            |    |    |     |
| DVD, incluindo qualquer dispositivo que leia DVD e desconsiderando DVD de automóvel                                                               |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de geladeiras                                                                                                                          |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de freezers independentes ou parte da geladeira duplex                                                                                 |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de microcomputadores, considerando computadores de mesa, laptops, notebooks e netbooks e desconsiderando tablets, palms ou smartphones |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de lavadora de louças                                                                                                                  |            |            |    |    |     |
| Quantidade de fornos de micro-ondas                                                                                                               |            |            |    |    |     |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Quantidade de motocicletas, desconsiderando as usadas exclusivamente para uso profissional |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantidade de máquinas secadoras de roupas, considerando lava e seca                       |  |  |  |  |  |

### PARTE III – DADOS SOBRE A HISTÓRIA ODONTOLÓGICA E O ATENDIMENTO

|                                                                                          |                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1- Quantas vezes você já veio ao serviço de urgência odontológica da FO/UFJF?            |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Primeira vez                                                     |
| 2                                                                                        | 1 vez                                                            |
| 3                                                                                        | 2 vezes                                                          |
| 4                                                                                        | 3 vezes                                                          |
| 5                                                                                        | 4 vezes ou mais                                                  |
| 2- Você já foi atendido anteriormente em alguma outra disciplina/clínica da FO/UFJF?     |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Sim                                                              |
| 2                                                                                        | Não                                                              |
| 3                                                                                        | Não sei/ Não lembro                                              |
| 3- Qual outra disciplina/clínica da FO/UFJF você já foi atendido anteriormente?          |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Nunca fui atendido(a)                                            |
| 2                                                                                        | Cirurgia                                                         |
| 3                                                                                        | Dentística                                                       |
| 4                                                                                        | Periodontia                                                      |
| 5                                                                                        | Prótese                                                          |
| 6                                                                                        | Clínica integrada                                                |
| 7                                                                                        | Outra:                                                           |
| 8                                                                                        | Não sei/ Não lembro                                              |
| 9                                                                                        | Endodontia                                                       |
| 4- Quantas vezes você já foi atendido em outra disciplina/clínica da FO/UFJF?            |                                                                  |
| 0                                                                                        | Nunca fui atendido(a)                                            |
| 1                                                                                        | 1 vez                                                            |
| 2                                                                                        | 2 vezes                                                          |
| 3                                                                                        | 3 vezes                                                          |
| 4                                                                                        | 4 vezes                                                          |
| 5                                                                                        | 5 vezes ou mais                                                  |
| 5- Atualmente, você faz tratamento odontológico em alguma disciplina/clínica da FO/UFJF? |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Sim                                                              |
| 2                                                                                        | Não                                                              |
| 3                                                                                        | Não sei/ não lembro                                              |
| 6- Se sim, em qual disciplina/clínica da FO/UFJF você é atendido atualmente?             |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Não sou atendido(a)                                              |
| 2                                                                                        | Cirurgia                                                         |
| 3                                                                                        | Dentística                                                       |
| 4                                                                                        | Periodontia                                                      |
| 5                                                                                        | Prótese                                                          |
| 6                                                                                        | Clínica integrada                                                |
| 7                                                                                        | Outra:                                                           |
| 8                                                                                        | Não sei/ Não lembro                                              |
| 9                                                                                        | Endodontia                                                       |
| 7- Você tem um dentista regular fora da FO/UFJF?                                         |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Sim                                                              |
| 2                                                                                        | Não                                                              |
| 3                                                                                        | Não sei/ Não lembro                                              |
| 8- Caso não tenha um dentista regular fora da FO/UFJF, qual seria esse motivo?           |                                                                  |
| 1                                                                                        | Não foi possível encontrar vaga em outro estabelecimento público |



|                                                                                                                     |                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2                                                                                                                   | Questões financeiras                                              |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Espera muito longa/ desistência                                   |
| 4                                                                                                                   | Desconhecimento de tratamentos em UBS                             |
| 5                                                                                                                   | Problemas não resolvidos em UBS                                   |
| 6                                                                                                                   | Ausência de dentistas em UBS                                      |
| 7                                                                                                                   | Hábito de procura por Pronto Atendimento                          |
| 8                                                                                                                   | Só procura atendimento em casos de dor ou surgimento de problemas |
| 9                                                                                                                   | Medo/ ansiedade                                                   |
| 10                                                                                                                  | Outro:                                                            |
| 9- A última vez que você foi ao dentista foi para uma consulta de urgência?                                         |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Sim                                                               |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Não                                                               |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Não sei/ Não lembro                                               |
| 10- Nos últimos 12 meses, você fez algum tratamento/acompanhamento odontológico?                                    |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Sim                                                               |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Não                                                               |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Não sei/ Não lembro                                               |
| 11- Se sim, onde foi o local de tratamento/acompanhamento odontológico?                                             |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Faculdade de Odontologia/ UFJF                                    |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Outro estabelecimento público                                     |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Consultório/ Clínica particular                                   |
| 4                                                                                                                   | Outro:                                                            |
| 12- Seu último tratamento/acompanhamento odontológico foi concluído? (independentemente se foi há mais de 12 meses) |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Sim                                                               |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Não                                                               |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Não sei/ Não lembro                                               |
| 13- Qual foi o motivo da consulta/tratamento que você realizou nos últimos 12 meses?                                |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Prevenção/ diagnóstico                                            |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Dor de dente/ desconforto                                         |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Cárie dentária/ restauração                                       |
| 4                                                                                                                   | Cirurgia                                                          |
| 5                                                                                                                   | Prótese                                                           |
| 6                                                                                                                   | Ortodontia                                                        |
| 7                                                                                                                   | Tratamento endodôntico (edema, fístula)                           |
| 8                                                                                                                   | Tratamento periodontal (sangramento)                              |
| 9                                                                                                                   | Outro:                                                            |
| 10                                                                                                                  | Não sei/ Não lembro                                               |
| 11                                                                                                                  | Não fui ao dentista nos últimos 12 meses                          |
| 14- Qual o motivo da sua consulta/tratamento hoje (queixa principal)?                                               |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Prevenção/ diagnóstico                                            |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Dor de dente/ desconforto                                         |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Cárie dentária/ restauração                                       |
| 4                                                                                                                   | Cirurgia                                                          |
| 5                                                                                                                   | Prótese                                                           |
| 6                                                                                                                   | Ortodontia                                                        |
| 7                                                                                                                   | Tratamento endodôntico (edema, fístula)                           |
| 8                                                                                                                   | Tratamento periodontal (sangramento)                              |
| 9                                                                                                                   | Estética                                                          |
| 10                                                                                                                  | Trauma (dentes e/ou tecido mole)                                  |
| 11                                                                                                                  | Desordem Têmporo-Mandibular (DTM)                                 |
| 12                                                                                                                  | Outro:                                                            |
| 15- Por que você acha que seu problema odontológico é urgente?                                                      |                                                                   |
| 1                                                                                                                   | Dor de dente/ desconforto                                         |
| 2                                                                                                                   | Estética                                                          |
| 3                                                                                                                   | Medo/anseio do agravamento do quadro                              |

|                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                 | Possíveis repercussões na saúde |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                 | Outro:                          |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                 | Meu problema não é urgente      |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei/ Não quero responder    |
| 16- O motivo da sua consulta/tratamento foi contemplado no atendimento de <b>hoje</b> ?                                                                                           |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sim                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não necessitou tratamento       |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei                         |
| 17- O motivo da sua consulta/tratamento de <b>hoje</b> foi resolvido com:                                                                                                         |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Tratamento odontológico         |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Orientação profissional         |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Prescrição medicamentosa        |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não foi resolvido               |
| 18- Na sua consulta/tratamento <b>hoje</b> , foi necessário algum exame complementar (Raio X)?                                                                                    |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sim                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei                         |
| 19- Na sua consulta/tratamento <b>hoje</b> , foi necessário algum encaminhamento para outro profissional/clínica? (no geral, independente do procedimento que foi realizado hoje) |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sim                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei                         |
| 20- Na sua consulta/tratamento <b>hoje</b> , foi necessária alguma prescrição medicamentosa?                                                                                      |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sim                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei                         |
| 21- Após a sua consulta/tratamento <b>hoje</b> , será necessário um retorno ao serviço de urgência odontológica da FO/UFJF para dar continuidade ao que foi realizado?            |                                 |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sim                             |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não                             |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                 | Não sei                         |

**Obrigada por participar!**

## APÊNDICE 2 – Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido

### TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO

Gostaríamos de convidar você a participar como voluntário (a) da pesquisa “**Atendimento de urgência em uma escola de odontologia: um estudo prospectivo**”. O motivo do desenvolvimento desse estudo é a necessidade de entender as variáveis que influenciam o atendimento odontológico de urgência na Faculdade de Odontologia da UFJF a fim de que o acolhimento dos pacientes e as intervenções sejam feitas de forma adequada, incentivando o cuidado dentário regular e melhorando o acesso e a qualidade da atenção à saúde bucal na instituição.

Nesta pesquisa pretendemos conhecer as ocorrências de urgência odontológica e sua associação com fatores sociodemográficos em pacientes que procuram atendimento odontológico de urgência não agendado na Faculdade de Odontologia/UFJF.

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Declaro que concordo em participar da pesquisa e que me foi dada a oportunidade de ler e esclarecer as minhas dúvidas.

Juiz de Fora, \_\_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_\_ de 20\_\_\_\_ .

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Assinatura do Participante

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**ANEXO A – Parecer do CEP****COMPROVANTE DE ENVIO DO PROJETO****DADOS DO PROJETO DE PESQUISA**

**Título da Pesquisa:** Atendimento de urgência em uma escola de odontologia: um estudo prospectivo

**Pesquisador:** Flávia Almeida Ribeiro Scalioni

**Versão:** 2

**CAAE:** 70298723.1.0000.5147

**Instituição Proponente:** FACULDADE DE ODONTOLOGIA

**DADOS DO COMPROVANTE**

**Número do Comprovante:** 061519/2023

**Patrocinador Principal:** Financiamento Próprio

Informamos que o projeto Atendimento de urgência em uma escola de odontologia: um estudo prospectivo que tem como pesquisador responsável Flávia Almeida Ribeiro Scalioni, foi recebido para análise ética no CEP Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora - UFJF em 07/06/2023 às 15:45.

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