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Title

Something to Chew on

Abstract

In the last decade, a substantial number of reports have been published that studied relationships between tooth loss and general health, especially in older adults. Tooth loss can be compensated by dental prostheses, which is core business of prosthodontists. In this way the prosthodontist is engaged in the general health of his/her patient and knowledge and understanding of the relationship between tooth loss and general health is paramount. The relationship between the human masticatory system and aspects of general health, such as nutrient intake and cognitive function, are imprecise and the directions of causality between them are unclear. This presentation provides a brief overview of what is known about the relationship between dental status, oral health, and masticatory ability and aspects of general health, which is something to chew on for prosthodontists.

Biography

Nico H.J. Creugers is emeritus professor in Oral Function and Prosthetic Dentistry at Radboud University Nijmegen and past co-president of ICP. He designed and implemented several dental curricula of Radboudumc and is holding visiting and distinguished professorships at several Chinese dental schools. He published more than 250 papers in peer-reviewed journals and is the author of 3 books on prosthodontics.