

Oral hygiene awareness among female Saudi school children

To the Editor

I read the interesting article by Al-Kheraif and Al-Bejadi SA¹ on the oral hygiene awareness among female Saudi school children. The study clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of school-based educational oral health programs in improving the oral, and dental health status of children. As most children are exposed only to general medical care, but not to dental care at an early age, pediatricians have the opportunity to play an important role in helping children, and their families gain access to dental care through screening, referral, and provision of dental preventive measures.²⁻⁶ Therefore, collaborative efforts accomplished by pediatricians, healthcare providers, dentists, schoolteachers, and parents can tremendously help children enjoy better oral health.

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Erratum

In the Errata published in Saudi Med J 2008; 29: 1836, "NOTICE OF RETRACTION" the citation should have appeared as follows:

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