



## Prevalence of Dental Caries and Traumatic Injuries of Teeth in Children with Special Health Care Needs In And Around Tirupathi City

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#### ABSTRACT

Children with special health care needs (CSHCN) are those who have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working. Handicapped children are unable to maintain a perfect oral hygiene and so they have high prevalence of dental caries and periodontal disease. The prevalence of dental caries is generally considered to be similar to that of the population at large but the proportion of the untreated tooth decay is higher, indicating dental neglect. One of the first steps towards the planning of dental services is to obtain up to date information on the prevalence and incidence of dental diseases. Hence the current study is aimed to assess the prevalence of dental caries and frequency of fracture anterior teeth in persons/children with

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### **I. Introduction :**

Dental trauma is, unfortunately, not uncommon and may be even more prevalent in high-risk populations such as children , special needed/handicapped individuals , sportsmen, and military personnel . Additional preventable risk factors for tooth injury include, among others, lip or tongue piercing with intraoral ornaments and other para functional habits. Various psychological, economic and physiological damages can be the result of a tooth injury. It should be understood and acknowledged that many cases of dental trauma could have been prevented. Better late than never, adverse progression and future complication of dental trauma can be prevented by appropriate and prompt management.<sup>1</sup>

Studies find that there is lack of knowledge regarding management of dental trauma among mothers with or without previous experience of dental trauma.<sup>1</sup>