



# ORAL HEALTH AND FRAILTY

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# Frailty

## ✓ Geriatric Syndrome

- Diminished reserve capacity that increase the risk for adverse outcomes
- “Excess demand imposed upon reduced capacity”

## ✓ Phenotype of Frailty

- Weakness (lowest quintile of population/sample)
- Slowness (lowest quintile of population/sample)
- Low physical activity (lowest quintile of population/sample)
- Low energy/poor endurance (self-report of fatigue)
- Unintentional weight loss ( $\geq 5$  Kg during the last year)

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### A Conceptual Framework of Frailty: A Review

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This article presents an overview of the increasingly common condition of frailty, which by its large links clearly to definition. A variety of sources provide this information regarding definition, incidence, causation, rate, and time of appearance. Utilizing the newly elaborated process of ephemerosis, which explains the coagulation of structure and function secondary to altered energy loads, I propose that frailty is a body-wide set of linked deteriorations including, but not confined to, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, metabolic, and immunologic systems. The central concept of this communication is that frailty is keyed to a decline in physical activity either as a result of habit or disease process. As such, the state of frailty is largely separable from the process of aging and should thereby be susceptible to active intervention and reversal.

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### Review Article

### Untangling the Concepts of Disability, Frailty, and Comorbidity: Implications for Improved Targeting and Care

Linda P. Fried,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Luigi Ferrucci,<sup>3</sup> Jonathan Darer,<sup>4</sup> Jeff D. Williamson,<sup>5</sup> and Gerard Anderson<sup>2</sup>

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REVIEW

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### Frailty: An Emerging Geriatric Syndrome

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# Oral Health

## ✓ Oral Health problems

### ➤ Change in food selection

- ◊ ↓ Tocoferol, Carotenoids, Protein, Fiber, Vitamins

### ➤ Malnutrition status

- ◊ Anorexia of the elderly
- ◊ Sarcopenia (sarcopenic-obesity)

Editorials

#### Oral health, general health and quality of life

Aubrey Sheiham<sup>1</sup>

The compartmentalization involved in viewing the mouth separately from the

Oral health affects people physically and psychologically and influences

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# Oral Health

## ✓ Oral Health problems

- Acute inflammation
- Chronic inflammation
  - ◊ ↑IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, TNF- $\alpha$ , PGE<sub>2</sub>, Leukotrienes, Histamine
  - ◊ Reach liver to release C-Reactive Protein, fibrinogen, and others
  - ◊ With multiple pro-inflammatory activities and stimulation for tissue repair mechanisms.

## ➤ Effects on

- ◊ Liver, kidney, cognitive impairment, cardiovascular system

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Inflammatory mechanisms linking periodontal diseases to cardiovascular diseases

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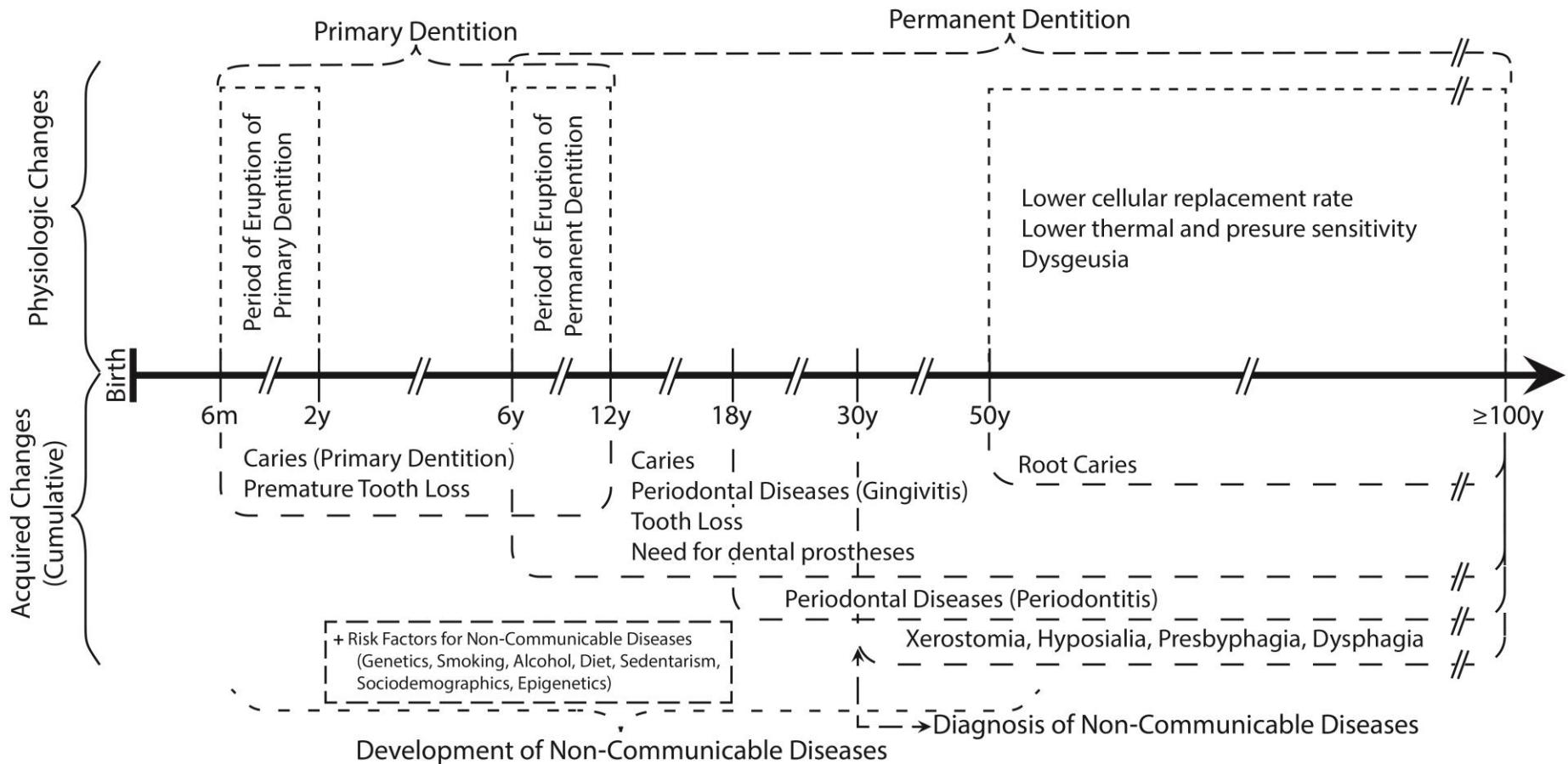


Diagram by RC Castrejón-Pérez

# Oral Health and Nutrition

## ✓ Effects:

- Food choices
  - ◊ Quality
  - ◊ Consistency
- ↓ Fiber
- ↓ Protein
- ↓ Vit. A, B6, B1, C

- ↓ Calcium & Iron
- ↓ Folic acid
- ↓ Weight loss (unintentional)
- ↑ Carbohydrates and sucrose
- ↑ Risk for obesity

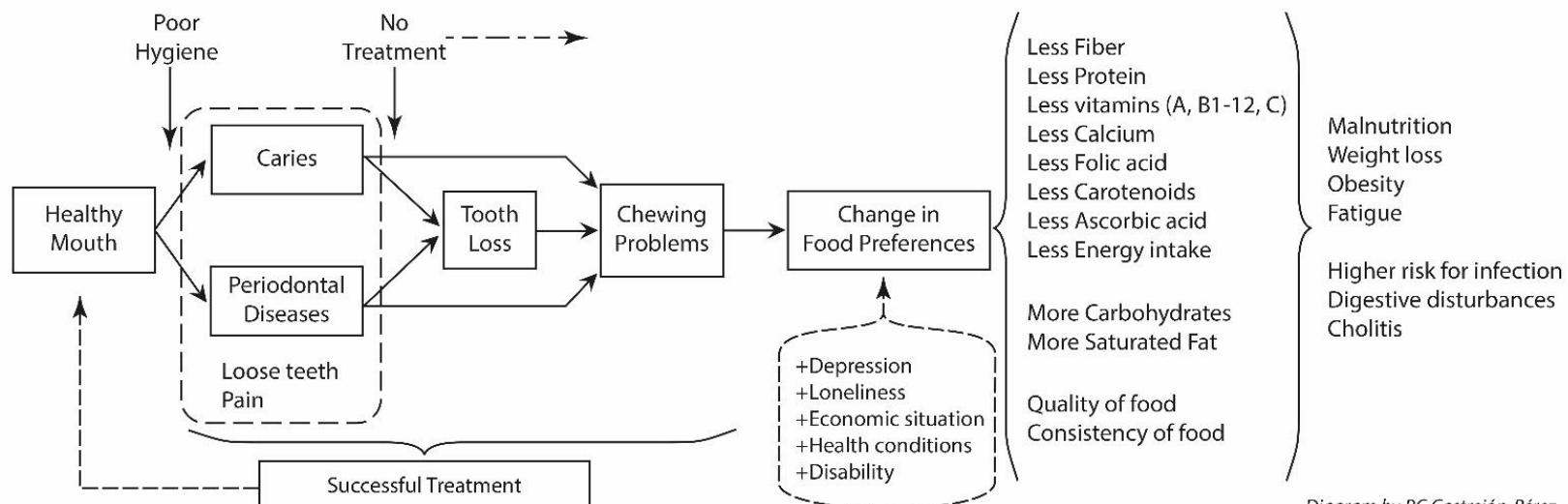


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# Objective



To evaluate the association among oral health conditions and utilization of dental services with the incidence of frailty in elderly 70 years old and over in one district of Mexico City.





# METHODS

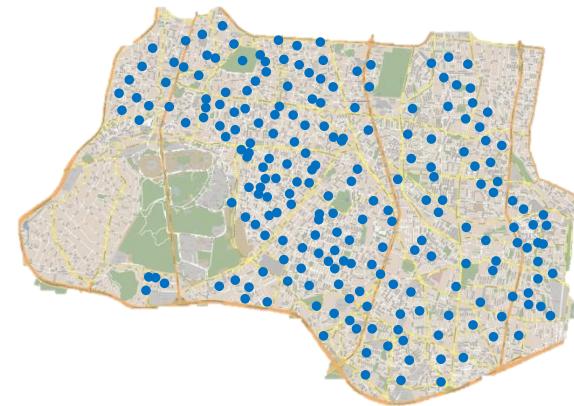
# Methods

## ✓ Type of study

- Cohort 2008-2011
- Two measurements
- Household survey

## ✓ Study population

- ≥70 years
- Residents of Coyoacán, México
- Registered at the Food Support, Medical Care, and Free Drugs Program (33000)





# Methods

## ✓ Sample

- Probabilistic representative sample (n=1294)
- Stratified by sex and age

## ✓ Inclusion criteria

- ≥70 years registered at the Food Support, Medical Care, and Free Drugs Program, residents of Coyoacán, México
- Accepted the dental clinical evaluation

## ✓ Exclusion criteria

- Did not accept to participate in the second stage or did not agree to the dental clinical evaluation



# Variables

## Independent variables

- ✓ Socio-demographic
  - Age, Sex, Education (years), Marital status
- ✓ Medical conditions (Yes/no)
  - Stroke, Hypertension, Diabetes, Osteoporosis, Arthritis, Urinary incontinence
- ✓ Oral health (Yes/no)
  - Utilization of dental services
  - Xerostomia
- ✓ Oral Health Impact Profile (14-Sp)

## Dependent variable

### Frailty

- ✓ Yes = Having  $\geq 3$  of five components
  - Weakness
  - Slowness
  - Low physical activity
  - Fatigue
  - Unintentional weight loss
- ✓ No  $\leq 2$  of the components

# Oral Health Variables

## ✓ Clinical evaluation

- Number of teeth (0/1-24/ $\geq 25$ )
- Wearing Removable Partial Dentures [RPD] and/or Complete Dentures [CD] (Y/N)
- Functionality of RPD and/or CD (Ettinger) (Y/N)
- Severe periodontitis (Periodontal Screening and Recording modified) ( $\geq 2$  teeth with  $\geq 5$  mm attachment loss)



# Methods

## ✓ Oral Health Clinical evaluation

➤ 4 standardized dental students (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

◊ Functionality of RPD/CD ( $K=0.9$ )

◊ Periodontitis ( $K=0.7$ )



## ✓ Protocol for infection control

## ✓ Ethics

➤ Informed consent





# Statistical Analysis

- ✓ Prevalence of frailty during 2008-2009
- ✓ Incidence of frailty in 2011
- ✓ Univariate analysis... ...by incidence of frailty
  - ...Socio-demographic...
  - ...Medical conditions...
  - ...Oral health conditions...
- ✓ Poisson regression model (dependent variable: incidence of frailty)



# RESULTS

# Characteristics of the participants (n=699)

## ✓ Age

➤  $77.9 \pm 6.3$  years old



## ✓ Women 53.2% (n=372)



## ✓ Married

➤ Men (57.3%)



## ✓ Widowed

➤ Women (46.3%)



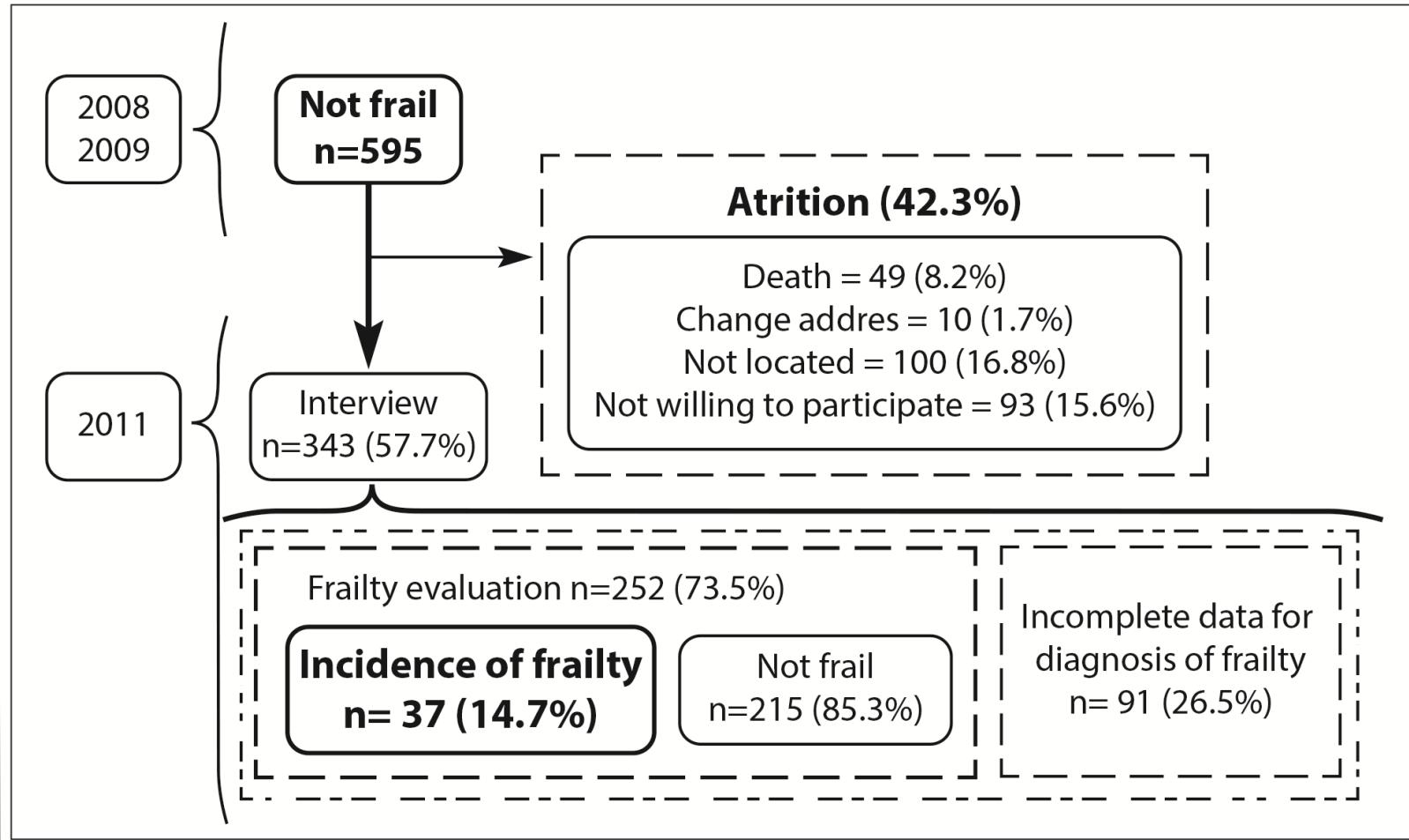
## ✓ Education (years of schooling) ( $7.3 \pm 5.4$ ) (p<0.05)

➤ Men ( $7.9 \pm 5.8$ )



➤ Women ( $6.7 \pm 5.0$ )

# Flow of participants and Incidence of Frailty





# Characteristics of the participants (n=252)

- ✓ **Age  $77 \pm 5.3$  years old**
- ✓ **Women 51%**
- ✓ **Iliteracy 10.8%**
- ✓ Self-rated general health  
(regular-bad) 41.7%
- ✓ **Edentate 21.8%**
- ✓ Xerostomia 43.7%
- ✓ **Severe periodontitis 17%**
- ✓ Stroke 2.4%
- ✓ **Hypertension 56%**
- ✓ Hypercholesterolemia  
35.7%
- ✓ Hypertriglyceridemia  
20.6%
- ✓ Osteoporosis 14.7%
- ✓ Arthritis 18.7%
- ✓ **Diabetes 18%**

## Incidence of Frailty by Socio-Demographic

- ✓ Those who developed frailty were
  - Older ( $80.4 \pm 6.4$  years Vs.  $75.8 \pm 4.8$  years) [ $p<0.001$ ]
  - Have less years of education ( $5.4 \pm 4.3$  Vs.  $7.3 \pm 5.0$ ) [ $p<0.05$ ]
- ✓ No differences (14.7%) were found by...
  - ...Sex
  - ...Marital status
  - ...Utilization of dental services
  - ...Xerostomia





# Incidence of Frailty by Medical Conditions

Baseline factors	Non Frail/Frail (%)	RR [95% CI]	p value <sup>a</sup>
Age in years [Mean (SD)]	75.71 (4.7)/80.34 (6.4)*	1.11 [1.07-1.15]	0.000
Education in years [Mean (SD)]	7.26 (4.9)/5.35 (4.3)*	0.93 [0.87-0.99]	0.048
Gender [Men/Women]	13.0/16.4	1.26 [0.68-2.34]	0.470
Marital status [Married/Nor Married]	11.5/18.3	1.59 [0.85-2.98]	0.147
Number of medications [Mean (SD)]	2.38 (1.8)/3.74 (4.0)*	1.35 [1.19-1.54]	0.000
MMSE score [Mean (SD)]	23.23 (3.5)/21.14 (3.5)*	0.86 [0.79-0.95]	0.002
Stroke [No/Yes]	14.8/16.7	1.13 [0.18-6.96]	0.897
Hypertension [No/Yes]	9.0/19.0	2.11 [1.03-4.31]	0.041
Diabetes [No/Yes]	11.9/27.3	2.29 [1.23-4.24]	0.009
Osteoporosis [No/Yes]	11.9/30.6	2.56 [1.38-4.76]	0.003
Arthritis [No/Yes]	13.5/20.5	1.51 [0.76-3.00]	0.238
Smoking Never/Former	16.5/13.9	0.84 [0.44-1.60]	0.598
Never/Current	16.5/11.5	0.70 [0.22-2.21]	0.542
Drinker [No/Yes]	17.8/9.4	0.53 [0.25-1.11)	0.095



# Incidence of Frailty by Oral Health

Baseline factors	Non Frail/Frail (%)	RR [95% CI]	p value <sup>a</sup>
OHIP-14 [Median (IQR)]	6 (0-26)/3 (0.35)	1.03 [1.00-1.06]	0.032
Utilization of dental services [No/Yes]	15.1/14.4	1.05 [0.56-1.94]	0.886
Xerostomia [No/Yes]	13.6/16.2	1.19 [0.64-2.19]	0.583
Number of teeth [Mean (SD)]	12.55 (9.6)/9.57 (9.5)*	0.97 [0.94-1.00]	0.100
Severe periodontitis [No/Yes]**	10.8/18.4	1.70 [0.79-3.65]	0.171
Utilization of RDP [No/Yes]	10.9/17.6	1.13 [0.18-6.96]	0.897
Not functional RDP [No/Yes]	19.1/14.9	1.28 [0.57-2.88]	0.547
Tooth remnants [No/Yes]	18.3/10.8	0.59 [0.31-1.13]	0.115

\*\* Estimated among 188 dentate participants



# Poisson Regression Model (Number of teeth n=252)

Oral health measures	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
	RR [95% CI]	RR [95% CI]	RR [95% CI]
Age (Years)	<b>1.10 [1.06-1.14]*</b>	<b>1.09 [1.05-1.14]*</b>	<b>1.08 [1.04-1.13]*</b>
Gender (Male/Female)	1.06 [0.59-1.92]	0.73 [0.42-1.29]	0.77 [0.42-1.42]
Education (Years)	<b>0.93 [0.87-0.99]*</b>	<b>0.94 [0.88-0.99]*</b>	<b>0.94 [0.88-1.00]*</b>
Hypertension (No/Yes)		1.83 [0.98-3.44]	1.58 [0.83-3.01]
Diabetes (No/Yes)		1.62 [0.85-3.07]	0.70 [0.29-1.67]
Osteoporosis (No/Yes)		<b>2.30 [1.19-4.44]*</b>	<b>2.39 [1.27-4.46]*</b>
MMSE (score)		0.94 [0.85-1.04]	0.94 [0.86-1.03]
Number of medications		<b>1.23 [1.08-1.40]*</b>	<b>1.26 [1.11-1.44]*</b>
Number of teeth [0-32]	0.98 [0.95-1.01]	0.98 [0.95-1.01]	<b>0.95 [0.91-0.98]*</b>
Interaction term (number of teeth by diabetes)			<b>1.08 [1.02-1.15]*</b>

\*p<0.05



# Poisson Regression Model (Periodontitis n=188)

Oral health measures	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
	RR [95% CI]	RR [95% CI]	RR [95% CI]
Age (Years)	<b>1.09 [1.05-4.36]*</b>	<b>1.09 [1.03-1.16]*</b>	<b>1.09 [1.02-1.16]*</b>
Gender (Male/Female)	1.33 [0.68-2.61]	0.92 [0.48-1.77]	0.93 [0.46-1.87]
Education (Years)	<b>0.89 [0.82-0.92]*</b>	0.93 [0.85-1.02]	0.91 [0.83-1.00]
Hypertension (No/Yes)		<b>2.94 [1.26-6.84]*</b>	<b>2.56 [1.09-6.04]*</b>
Diabetes (No/Yes)		1.95 [0.94-4.04]	0.62 [0.11-3.49]
Osteoporosis (No/Yes)		1.88 [0.83-4-25]	1.81 [0.79-4.10]
MMSE (score)		0.92 [0.81-1.05]	0.94 [0.83-1.06]
Number of medications		<b>1.23 [1.06-1.44]*</b>	<b>1.26 [1.07-1.49]*</b>
Severe periodontitis (No/Yes)	<b>2.14 [1.05-4.36]*</b>	<b>2.52 [1.25-5.07]*</b>	<b>2.13 [1.01-4.50]*</b>
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Interaction term (number of teeth by diabetes)			1.08 [0.99-1.18]

\*p<0.05



# Conclusion

- ✓ Diabetes, severe periodontitis, age and number of medication increases the risk for developing frailty.
- ✓ The number of teeth reduces the risk for development of frailty
- ✓ Clinicians should consider diabetes and number of teeth as conditions associated to the incidence of frailty.



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