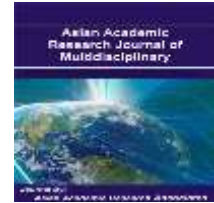




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**PREVALENCE OF ABUSE OF DESENSITISING TOOTH PASTE IN NORTH
CHENNAI REGION**

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ABSTRACT

Dentine hypersensitivity may be defined as pain arising from exposed dentine typically in response to chemical, thermal or osmotic stimuli that cannot be explained as arising from any other form of dental defect or pathology. The American Dental Association cautions “patients to consult a dentist to help decide if their hypersensitivity might in fact be due to other underlying factors like caries or abfraction.” But this caution is seldom heeded. Over-the-counter desensitizing toothpastes may help alleviate the severity of hypersensitivity gradually over time only if the underlying cause is abrasion or erosion of enamel. Those with dental caries will have a palliative reduction in sensitivity altering the clinical picture. Progress of caries activity, left untreated lands the patient with pain and associated terminal sequelae of caries. So a survey was done in the North Chennai region to find the prevalence of abuse of Desensitising tooth paste by patients with dental caries.

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