

Costs of odontogenic infections

Some odontogenic infections not only cause extensive morbidity but death. These severe infections must be treated in a hospital setting, usually with emergency admission and prolonged stays, which cause considerable suffering and financial burden.

The charges would appear to cover the costs, but the amount actually collected is generally much less, depending on the patient population being served. Many patients with acute odontogenic infections who come to the hospital for treatment are uninsured and therefore contribute significantly to unreimbursed costs for care.

How can we lower the costs for treating odontogenic infections severe enough to require hospital care? Two aspects that contribute heavily to the hospital charges are the use of an operating room and the length of stay. Rapid treatment could have a significant effect on length of stay, which would lower costs. In addition, recognizing odontogenic infections earlier in their course might permit treatment on an outpatient basis. This will require providing access to dental care in private sector settings for patients who currently cannot afford this care and go to the hospital emergency department as a last resort. If odontogenic infections were recognized early, however, the morbidity would be diminished, hospital costs lowered, and perhaps a preventive program developed to avoid many of the economic costs of this problem.

I- Reading comprehension

Answer these questions according to the text

- 1- What do odontogenic infections cause ?
- 2- When odontogenic infections are costly ?
- 3- How many aspects contribute heavily to the hospital charges ?
- 4- If odontogenic infections were recognized early, what would be diminished ?

II- Lexis

Large =..... Chronic #.....
Expensive=..... Inpatient #.....
Serious =..... Insured #
Assistance =..... Increased #.....

Key structures

Complete each sentence by using a word from the list use each word once only

I- Avoid/ divert/ guard/ prevent/ protect

- 1- You wear a helmet toyourself against falling stones
- 2- They tried to.....him from seeing their daughter
- 3- We need more men tothe prisoners
- 4- They had to.....the traffic down side streets
- 5- She went a different way to..... Meeting him again

II- Capable/ fit/ manage/ possible/ skilled/ succeed/ successful

- 1- I wasn't veryin persuading him to change his plans
- 2- You're notto drive in that condition !
- 3- It wasn'tto get an appointment before Friday morning
- 4- They didn'tin waking anybody up.
- 5- He wasn'tof understanding how to work the machine
- 6- Did you.....to get tickets for tonight's match ?
- 7- We need some more.....workers in the engineering department *

III- Appeal/ fancy/ fascinated/fond/glad/interested/ keen

- 1- I'm not veryon this new chocolate bar*
- 2- They were.....by the way the animals stored their food
- 3- How long have you beenin collecting stamps
- 4- The idea of working abroad should.....to him
- 5- I'm really..... Of chocolate with nuts in it.
- 6- Do yougoing for a swim this evening
- 7- I'd beto help if they really wanted me to.

IV- Accused/ arrested/ blamed/charged/ complained/condemned/protested/ sentenced

- 1- In her speech she..... The use of unnecessary violence
- 2- Many guestsabout the lack of adequate heating
- 3- He wasof stealing the necklace
- 4- He will bewith murdering his nephew
- 5- Sheher brother for losing the family fortune
- 6- The police haveher for drunken driving
- 7- The judgethem to 2 years'imprisonment
- 8- The demonstratorsagainst the new motorway

V- Agree/ allow/ let/ permission/ permit

- 1- You need a specialbefore you can work in this country
- 2- She gave me.....to use the hall this evening
- 3- I don't think they'llyou try that again !
- 4- How could theyso many people into the stadium
- 5- Will she to their request