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# Factors Associated with Oral Pain and Oral Health-Related Consequences

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

For this Special Issue, we are seeking submissions exploring the factors associated with Oral Pain and Oral Health-related consequences.

The consequences of oral pain expand far beyond the symptomatic domain, including difficulty chewing, decreased appetite, weight loss, sleep disturbances and behavioral changes, which can affect school and work performance, negatively impacting the patient's quality of life. The parents of children experiencing toothache may also experience psychological consequences such as feelings of guilt and shame.

Oral pain is also an indicator of severe disease that has been neglected, which can eventually lead to decreased productivity, work absenteeism and higher treatment costs for patients, the government and health insurance companies. Identifying factors associated with oral pain is pivotal for guiding clinical decisions, preventing oral health problems and improving public health policies.







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