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Acupuncture could reduce dental anxiety

Fear of the dentist is something some people suffer from more than others. With multiple reasons for dental anxiety and its effects, there is, however, limited research on its impact and possible treatment methods. In an effort to look deeper into the topic, researchers from the University of York, UK, have recently reviewed a number of studies on treating dental anxiety with acupuncture.

For the systematic review and meta-analysis, six trials with a total of 800 patients were chosen from almost 130 eligible trials. The researchers used a points scale to measure anxiety, and in the studies included, anxiety was shown to be reduced by eight points when dental patients were given acupuncture as a treatment. According to the researchers, this level of reduction is considered to be clinically relevant, indicating that acupuncture could be a possibility for treating dental anxiety.

Co-author of the study, titled “Acupuncture for anxiety in dental patients: Systematic review and meta-analysis”, Dr Hugh MacPherson, Professor of Acupuncture Research at the University of York’s Department of Health Sciences, expressed that the scientific interest in the effectiveness of acupuncture both as a standalone and as an accompanying treatment to more traditional medications was increasing.

“If acupuncture is to be integrated into dental practices, […] then there needs to be more high-quality research that demonstrates that it can have a lasting impact on the patient. Early indications look positive, but there is still more work to be done,” summarised MacPherson.

Source: DTI

Health labels might prevent consumption of sugary drinks

Cigarette packets are labelled with warnings and graphic images to deter people from smoking. In a new study, researchers from Australia’s Deakin University have investigated whether a similar labelling approach could dissuade people from buying sugary drinks. They found that young adults were less likely to purchase sugar-sweetened beverages that had health labels. To investigate the possible effects of adding a health label to sugary drinks, an online experiment to examine the drink choices of almost 1,000 Australians of a diverse range of socio-economic status and education levels aged between 18 and 35 was conducted. Participants were asked to imagine that they were entering a shop or cafe or approaching a vending machine to purchase a drink, and should then choose between one of 15 bottles, with both sugary and non-sweetened options available. The drinks had either no label (control group) or one of four labels on sugary drinks: graphic warnings, text warnings, sugar information (including the number of teaspoons of added sugar) or a Health Star Rating—the national front-of-pack labelling system used in Australia and New Zealand.

According to the results, participants were far less likely to select a sugary drink when a front-of-pack label was displayed, regardless of their level of education, age or socio-economic background. “Our findings highlight the potential of front-of-pack health labels, particularly graphic images and Health Star Ratings, to change consumer behaviour, reduce purchases of sugar-sweetened drinks, and help people to make healthier choices,” said Prof. Anna Peeters, Director of the Institute for Healthcare Transformation at Deakin University.

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