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PLAKĀTI

The effect of COVID-19 on coverage of dental services in Latvia

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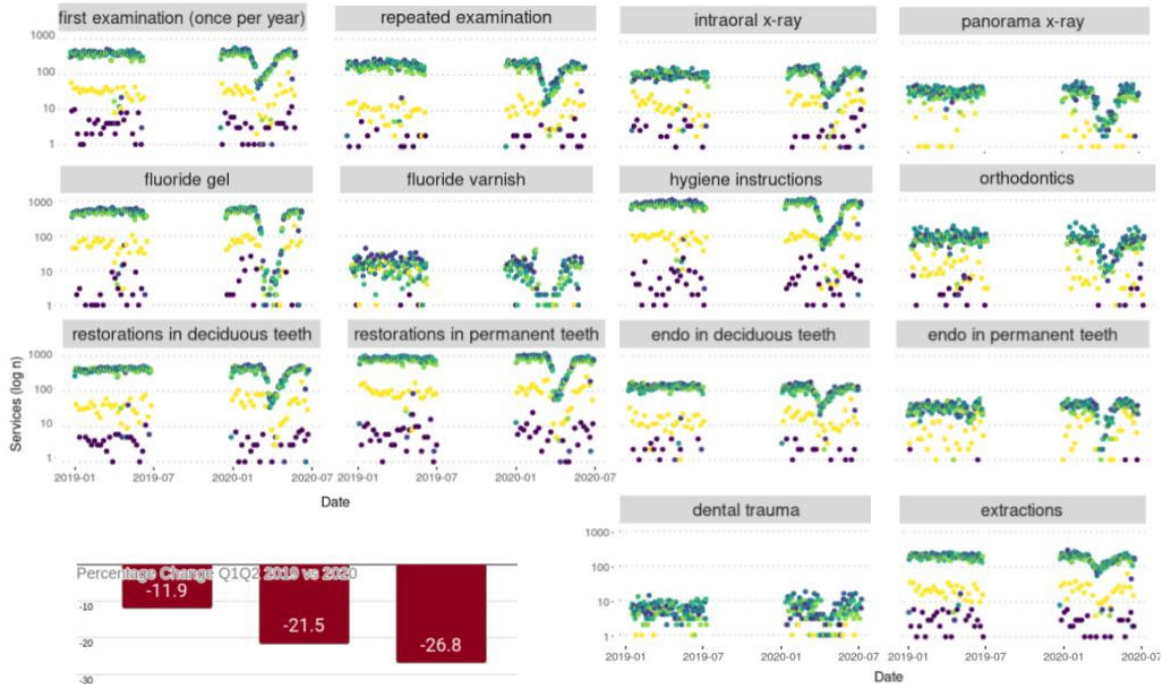
Actuality / The Goal

The aim was to describe the impact on dental public services during the COVID19 emergency state between January-July 2020 in Latvia and compare with the same period in 2019.

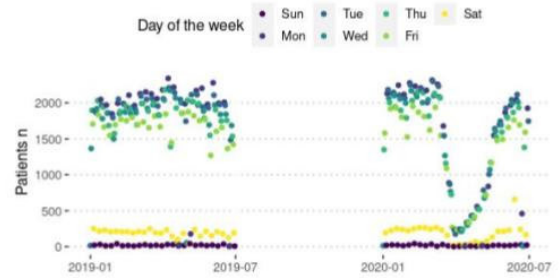
Methods

Retrospective cohort study with anonymized secondary data on Latvian national dental care services in the first semesters of 2019-2020. Data were obtained from the Latvian National Health Service and explored with descriptive statistics and visualizations.

Results



Patients per day of the week



Conclusions

During the first wave of Covid-19, dental services were reduced due to existing restrictions, while emergency care was provided in both ambulatory and hospital settings. During the state of emergency from March to May 2020, access to publicly funded dental services in Latvia was negatively affected.

In order to ensure continuity of dental services even in the case of an unfavourable scenario of Covid-19 infection, the development of tele-dentistry should be promoted: funding for effective non-invasive manipulations, training of new skills for specialists working in public sector, creating financial motivation for doctors and patients, finding technological solutions.

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