

IOM Country profile:

ETHIOPIA



WHO 2008: Population: 81021,000
Number of dentistry personnel: 93
Dentistry personnel per 10,000 population: <1

Published literature:

1990: Over 98% of mothers surveyed believed milk teeth extraction to be useful in treating diarrhoea.

Traditional health practices in communities in north-west Ethiopia

Tropical Doctor 1990 Vol 20: 40-41

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1993: Although the mother has most exposure to health care services, in this male-dominated society, the father may insist on traditional practices.

'Killer" canine removal and its sequelae in Addis Ababa

Quintessence International 1993 Vol 24:5 323-327

Welbury R R, Nunn J H, Gordon P H et al

1994: Evidence that IOM is still practised among the Ethiopian community in Israel

'Extraction of primary canine tooth buds: prevalence and associated dental abnormalities in a group of Ethiopian Jewish children

'International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry 1994 Vol 4: 25-30

Holan G, Mamber E

1999: report from Sweden of immigrant Ethiopian teenager with serious dental malformations following IOM at aged 3 years.

A case of dental mutilation. Journal of Dentistry for Children 1999 July/Aug 278-279

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