

## **Salivary drugs dysfunctions and their implications in the odontogeriatric patient**

### **Abstract**

Taking into consideration that senior citizens already correspond to a good part of the population, the need for trained professionals for this age range is increasing. With age, there comes a lot of physiological changes or pathological conditions, which results in higher uptaking of a variety of medicines by the elderly. The medicine usage by seniors may directly affect the oral cavity, being the salivary dysfunctions one of the main consequences. Oral health directly influences their quality of life, therefore, it's important to consider the patient as a whole, to comprehend senior pathologies and to acknowledge the medicines used, so that one can successfully treat this group of patients. This literature review has aimed to describe physiological and pathological conditions related to oral use of the main drugs used by geriatric patient.

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