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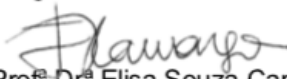
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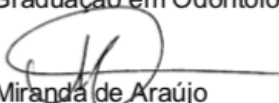
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## RESUMO

**Introdução:** O presente trabalho tem por objetivo estudar os preditores do estresse percebido e da qualidade de vida em docentes e discentes de pós-graduações *stricto sensu* em Odontologia no Brasil. **Métodos:** Este foi um estudo transversal com amostra do Brasil (n = 707 estudantes e n = 348 docentes). Os dados foram coletados por meio de questionários autoaplicáveis enviados por via digital. A qualidade de vida (QV) foi avaliada por meio de instrumento multidimensional da Organização Mundial da Saúde (WHOQOL-BREF) e o estresse por meio da Escala de Estresse Percebido. As características sócio-demográficas dos participantes serviram como variáveis independentes. Os dados foram submetidos à análise de regressão linear considerando nível de significância de 5%. **Resultados:** O sexo feminino foi associado a maiores escores de estresse e menores escores de QV nos dois grupos. Houve correlação negativa entre o estresse percebido e todos os quatro domínios de QV. As variáveis independentes (sexo, idade, duração do sono, ingestão de medicamentos e tempo de lazer) contribuíram para a variação parcial do estresse percebido nos docentes (32%) e discentes (28%). O conjunto de variáveis selecionadas foi capaz de explicar parcialmente a variabilidade dos quatro domínios da QV: físico (50 e 52%), psicológico (58 e 62%), relações sociais (27 e 25%) e meio ambiente (40 e 37%) nos docentes e estudantes respectivamente. **Conclusão:** sexo (feminino) e ingestão de medicação devido ao estudo ou trabalho foram preditores para mais altos níveis de estresse percebido em docentes e estudantes. O estresse percebido e uso de medicação foram preditores de baixa qualidade de vida. As variáveis horas de sono, lazer e atividade física impactaram na diminuição do estresse e aumento da qualidade de vida.

**Palavras-chave:** qualidade de vida; estresse ocupacional; odontologia.



## 1 INTRODUÇÃO

2 Nos últimos anos tem-se demonstrado notável crescimento do sistema de pós-  
3 graduação *stricto sensu* no Brasil (mestrados e doutorados), o que tem gerado  
4 aumento no quantitativo de novos pesquisadores formados bem como na produção  
5 científica, com destaque para a área da Odontologia.<sup>1</sup> Porém, esse avanço pode  
6 trazer um alto custo, em especial para pós-graduandos e seus orientadores, os quais  
7 sofrem elevada pressão visando a melhor qualificação dos programas, com a  
8 constante necessidade de aumento no volume e qualidade da produção científica.<sup>2</sup>  
9 Esta situação se torna preocupante, uma vez que indivíduos expostos à pressão no  
10 seu ambiente de trabalho estão vulneráveis ao acometimento por transtornos mentais  
11 que levam ao sofrimento mental relacionado ao trabalho e num estágio mais grave  
12 podendo levar até ao suicídio.<sup>3, 4</sup>

13 Nos últimos anos a CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de  
14 Nível Superior) tem estabelecido critérios rigorosos para a avaliação dos cursos de  
15 pós-graduação. Por um lado, esta cobrança gera resultados positivos como a melhora  
16 na qualidade da formação de recursos humanos (mestres, doutores, docentes e  
17 pesquisadores) e o aumento na da produção científica brasileira.<sup>5</sup> Por outro lado, esta  
18 situação pode gerar estresse excessivo para os docentes e discentes e diminuir a  
19 qualidade de vida destes indivíduos.<sup>6,7</sup>

20 Cada vez mais os gestores em saúde estão reconhecendo que medidas de  
21 doenças por si só, são determinantes insuficientes para mensurar a condição de  
22 saúde de uma população.<sup>8</sup> De acordo com a Organização Mundial de Saúde,  
23 qualidade de vida é a percepção dos indivíduos da sua posição na vida, no contexto  
24 da cultura e do sistema de valores nos quais vivem e também dos seus objetivos,  
25 expectativas padrões e conceitos.<sup>9</sup>

26 Avaliações de qualidade de vida que são administradas de maneira mais fácil  
27 e que não impõem um grande fardo ao respondente são necessários para serem  
28 utilizados em grandes pesquisas epidemiológicas e estudos clínicos.<sup>10</sup> A necessidade  
29 de instrumentos de rápida aplicação determinou que o Grupo de Qualidade de Vida  
30 da Organização Mundial de Saúde desenvolvesse a versão abreviada do WHOQOL-  
31 100, o WHOQOL-bref. Este instrumento consta de 26 questões divididas em quatro  
32 domínios: físico, psicológico, relações sociais e meio ambiente.<sup>8</sup>

33 O WHOQOL-bref tem sido vastamente utilizado em pesquisas de diversas  
34 áreas para avaliar qualidade de vida no Brasil e em outros países incluindo estudos

1 na área de Odontologia.<sup>11, 12</sup> Estudos que exploram a qualidade de vida no âmbito  
2 educacional na área da saúde, apontam a necessidade de se discutir amplamente a  
3 situação vivida nas instituições de Ensino Superior, uma vez que o estudo, assim  
4 como o trabalho neste meio, podem influenciar no processo de saúde-doença.<sup>13,14</sup>  
5 Porém não há na literatura trabalhos que verificam a qualidade de vida em cursos de  
6 mestrado e doutorado de Odontologia no Brasil.

7 O estresse representa um processo complexo do organismo, envolvendo  
8 aspectos bioquímicos, físicos e psicológicos, que são desencadeados a partir da  
9 interpretação que o indivíduo dá aos estímulos externos e internos – os chamados  
10 estressores – causando desequilíbrio na homeostase interna que exige uma resposta  
11 de adaptação do organismo para preservação de sua integridade e da própria vida.<sup>15,</sup>

12 <sup>16</sup>

13 Cohen et al., (1983) desenvolveram uma escala que mensura o grau no qual  
14 os indivíduos percebem as situações como estressantes. Esta escala foi denominada  
15 Perceived Stress Scale (PSS – Escala de Estresse Percebido) apresenta 14 itens.  
16 Segundo esses autores, o estresse percebido pode ser visto como uma variável de  
17 resultado que mede o nível de estresse vivido em função de eventos estressantes,  
18 processos de enfrentamento e fatores de personalidade.<sup>17</sup>

19 A PSS é uma escala geral, que não contém questões de contextos específicas.  
20 Por este motivo ela tem sido utilizada em muitos estudos publicados em periódicos  
21 de impacto e validada em diversas culturas incluindo o Brasil.<sup>18</sup> Existem vantagens  
22 em se utilizar escalas objetivas como esta para fins de pesquisa, tais como identificar  
23 o risco do desenvolvimento de doenças relacionadas ao estresse e ser de aplicação  
24 fácil.<sup>17</sup>

25 Um estudo realizado no Brasil com mestrandos e doutorandos, revelou que a  
26 média do estresse da amostra total ficou acima do ponto médio da escala.<sup>2</sup> Outra  
27 pesquisa explorando o estresse em mestrandos da área da saúde mostrou que 40,7%  
28 dos sujeitos apresentaram estresse acentuado e houve associação entre estresse e  
29 sexo, estando as mulheres mais vulneráveis ao mesmo.<sup>19</sup> É muito importante que se  
30 estude o estresse não apenas dos estudantes, porém também dos professores, que  
31 da mesma forma estão expostos às pressões do meio acadêmico.<sup>20</sup>

32 Apesar da grande relevância da temática exposta, poucos trabalhos foram  
33 desenvolvidos para explorar variáveis como a qualidade de vida e o estresse  
34 percebido em cursos de mestrado e doutorado em Odontologia. Estudos como este

1 visam levantar discussões e criar subsídios para que sejam planejadas estratégias  
2 que possam melhorar a condição de trabalho nesta área.

3

#### 4 **OBJETIVO**

5 O presente trabalho tem por objetivo estudar os preditores da qualidade de  
6 vida e do estresse percebido em docentes e discentes de pós-graduações *stricto*  
7 *sensu* em Odontologia no Brasil.

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3 **Perceived stress and quality of life among graduate dental faculty**

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5 **ABSTRACT**

6 This study aimed to identify the predictors of perceived stress and quality of life (QoL)  
7 among graduate dental faculty. This cross-sectional study was conducted using a  
8 representative sample of 348 dental faculty members from master's and doctoral  
9 programs in Brazil. Data were collected using self-administered questionnaires  
10 between August and December 2018. QoL was assessed using the multidimensional  
11 World Health Organization Quality of Life assessment (WHOQOL-BREF). Perceived  
12 stress was assessed using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). Participant  
13 sociodemographic characteristics served as the independent variables. The data were  
14 subjected to linear regression analysis. Women obtained higher PSS scores and lower  
15 QoL scores ( $p < 0.05$ ). There was a negative correlation between perceived stress  
16 and all four QoL domains. Multivariate analysis revealed that a combination of the  
17 independent variables (i.e., sex, age, sleep duration, dual employment, medication  
18 intake due to work, and leisure time) explained 32% of the variance in perceived  
19 stress. With regard to QoL, perceived stress, sleep duration, and medication intake  
20 due to work explained 50%, 58%, 27%, and 40% of the variance in the physical health,  
21 psychological, social relationships, and environment domain scores, respectively. Sex  
22 (i.e., female) and medication intake due to work predicted higher levels of perceived  
23 stress. In contrast, age, sleep duration, dual employment, and leisure time were  
24 associated with lower levels of perceived stress. Perceived stress and medication  
25 intake due to work had a negative effect on QoL, whereas sleep duration had a positive  
26 impact on QoL.

27 **Keywords:** Stress, Mental health, Quality of life, Faculty.

1 **INTRODUCTION**

2         Given the current dynamics of markets in different fields, which are  
3 characterized by high levels of organizational competitiveness, human resources are  
4 regarded as contributors to quality and competitive advantages in relation to  
5 organizational activities.<sup>1</sup> University faculty members have several responsibilities  
6 (e.g., conducting scientific research, writing papers, and teaching), because of which  
7 they shoulder an increasingly heavy burden.<sup>2</sup> Their high levels of stress can lead to  
8 burnout syndrome, lower their quality of life (QoL), and contribute to the development  
9 of mental disorders.<sup>3,4</sup>

10         In recent years, there has been remarkable growth within the graduate system  
11 (i.e., master's and doctoral programs). Consequently, there has been an increase in  
12 the number of new researchers and scientific publications, especially within the field  
13 of dentistry.<sup>5</sup> However, these advances entail a hidden cost. In particular, students  
14 and faculty members face extreme pressures to perform better and publish more  
15 articles.<sup>2</sup>

16         Health managers are becoming increasingly aware that disease measures are  
17 insufficient determinants of population health.<sup>6</sup> According to the World Health  
18 Organization, QoL refers to individuals' perceptions of their positions in life within the  
19 context of the culture and value systems within which they operate as well as their  
20 goals, expectations, and beliefs.<sup>7</sup> Past studies have assessed the mental health,  
21 perceived stress, and QoL of those who belong to the academic field.<sup>3,8,9</sup> Their findings  
22 suggest that mental illness is a growing problem within the domain of graduate  
23 education.<sup>10</sup> Among healthcare faculty members, inadequate leisure time can lead to  
24 sleep problems (which in turn can render them vulnerable to mental illnesses),  
25 burnout, and significant changes within their organizations. These factors can  
26 negatively affect their social and family relationships and, consequently, worsen their  
27 health and QoL.<sup>11</sup>

28         However, similar research studies have not been conducted among graduate  
29 dental education programs (i.e., master's and doctoral programs). Several past  
30 studies have identified the strategies that are most effective in helping dental students  
31 cope with stress.<sup>12-14</sup> However, limited research attention has been paid to the  
32 perceived stress levels and QoL of faculty members, especially graduate faculty  
33 members. Therefore, this study aimed to identify the predictors of perceived stress  
34 and QoL among graduate dental faculty.

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## **METHODS**

This research was a cross-sectional study developed in Brazil, which was approved by the Human Ethics and Research Committee of the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná. Informed consent was obtained from all participants included in the study.

### **Sample**

The target population included all faculty members who taught masters and doctoral courses in dentistry in public and private institutions across the country. The required sample size was estimated based on the results of a national survey.<sup>15</sup> Specifically, the total number of graduate dental faculty members in Brazil was 2,130 in 2016. Using the following specifications, the required sample size was found to be 326: 95% confidence level, maximum margin of error = 5%, and prevalence = 50%.

### **Data collection strategy**

Self-administered questionnaires were uploaded onto a digital platform, namely, Qualtrics (Salt Lake, Utah), to collect data. An email containing the link to the survey and information about free informed consent was sent to each eligible participant. The link limited the number of responses per recipient to one. Previously, we had emailed course coordinators to formally obtain their permission to collect data from the faculty members of their respective institutions. The coordinators were informed about the objectives of the study, and they were asked to email the questionnaires to the faculty members of their respective institutions. Additionally, the questionnaires were sent to those whose contact information was listed on the institutional websites and included in published articles. These emails were individually sent to each faculty member. Data were collected between August 15 and December 15, 2018.

### **Data collection instruments**

The Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), which has previously been translated into portuguese and validated using brazilian sample, was used to measure perceived stress.<sup>16</sup> This instrument consists of 14 items, each of which is rated on a 5-point Likert scale. Total scores can range from zero to 56. Seven items are negatively worded

1 (Factor 1: 1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, and 14), and the remaining seven items are positively  
2 worded (Factor 2: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 13). Higher scores are indicative of greater  
3 perceived stress.

4 The World Health Organization Quality of Life (WHOQOL-BREF) instrument  
5 assesses the QoL of adults. It consists of 26 questions, two of which measure overall  
6 health. The other 24 questions assess the following four domains: physical health,  
7 psychological, social relationships, and environment. The physical health domain  
8 includes the following items: physical pain, dependence on medical treatment, energy,  
9 mobility, sleep, activities of daily living, and work capacity. The psychological domain  
10 consists of the following items: enjoyment of life, personal beliefs, concentration, body  
11 image, self-esteem, and negative feelings. The social relationships domain comprises  
12 the following items: personal relationships, sexual activity, and support from friends.  
13 Finally, the environment domain includes the following items: security, physical  
14 environment, financial security, information availability, leisure activities, living  
15 conditions, healthcare accessibility, and transportation.

16 Each item is rated on a 5-point scale. Depending on the item, the corresponding  
17 response scale may assess intensity (*not at all* to *extremely*), capacity (*not at all* to  
18 *completely*), frequency (*never* to *always*), or satisfaction (*very dissatisfied* to *very*  
19 *satisfied* or *very poor* to *very good*). The four domain scores can range from zero to  
20 100, and higher scores are indicative of better QoL. The Brazilian version of this  
21 instrument has demonstrated strong internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha: domains  
22 = 0.77, questions = 0.91), discriminant, criterion, and concurrent validity, and test-  
23 retest reliability (correlation coefficients = 0.69–0.81).<sup>17</sup>

24 Another questionnaire, which was developed for the purposes of this study, was  
25 used to assess the sociodemographic (i.e., sex, age, marital status, location of the  
26 institution, number of children, and educational level), occupational (i.e., management  
27 position, dual employment, kind of employment bond, and number of published  
28 papers), and health characteristics (i.e., medication intake due to work, sleep duration  
29 [hours], leisure time, and physical activity) of the participants.

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### 31 **Statistical analysis**

32 With regard to univariate analyses, the categorical variables were examined by  
33 computing frequencies and percentages, whereas the continuous variables were  
34 examined by computing means, medians, standard deviations, and minimum and



1 maximum values. The internal consistency of the questionnaire was examined by  
2 computing Cronbach's alpha coefficients. Sociodemographic differences in perceived  
3 stress and QoL were examined by conducting one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA)  
4 and Student's t-test. To further examine significant group differences (i.e., based on  
5 ANOVA results), the Tukey and Games-Howell post-hoc tests were conducted.  
6 Levene's test was conducted to assess the homogeneity of variances. When the data  
7 distribution was homogeneous, the Tukey test was conducted. When this assumption  
8 was not met, the Games-Howell test was conducted. Pearson's correlation analysis  
9 was conducted to examine the relationships between continuous independent and  
10 dependent variables (e.g., the PSS and WHOQOL-BREF scores). Significant  
11 correlates of perceived stress and QoL were included in multiple stepwise regression  
12 analysis; the exit probabilities were 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The significance level  
13 was set as 5%. The data were analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social  
14 Sciences version 25 (IBM, Chicago) and Microsoft Excel (Microsoft Office 365).

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## 16 **RESULTS**

17 The sample consisted of 348 faculty members from all parts of the country, and  
18 their representations were proportional to the distribution of faculty members  
19 throughout the country. Tables 1 and 2 present their sociodemographic  
20 characteristics.

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### 22 **Perceived stress**

23 The PSS demonstrated strong internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha = 0.91).  
24 Table 1 presents the mean PSS score as well as the results of one-way ANOVA and  
25 Student's t-test, which were conducted to examine group differences in perceived  
26 stress. Sex, dual employment, medication intake due to work, leisure time, and  
27 physical activity had significant effects on perceived stress (Table 1). With regard to  
28 the continuous variables, Pearson's correlation analysis showed that perceived stress  
29 was negatively (and very weakly) correlated ( $p < 0.001$ ) with age, number of children,  
30 sleep duration, and work experience (years). In other words, as the mean values of  
31 these variables decreased, mean PSS scores increased.

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### 33 **Predictors of perceived stress**

1 The predictors of perceived stress among graduate dental faculty were  
2 identified using multivariate analysis, and the results are summarized in Table 4. The  
3 variables that were retained in the final model explained 32% of the variance in the  
4 PSS scores ( $R^2 = 0.32$ ). The standardized coefficient ( $\beta$ ) indicates the extent to which  
5 changes in the predictors resulted in increases (i.e., positive value) or decreases (i.e.,  
6 negative value) in the PSS scores.

## 7 8 **QoL**

9 All the four WHOQOL-BREF subscales demonstrated strong internal  
10 consistency (physical health = 0.81, psychological = 0.79, social relationships = 0.69,  
11 and environment = 0.74).

12 Table 3 presents the means for the four QoL domains as well as the results of  
13 one-way ANOVA and Student's t-test, which were conducted to examine  
14 sociodemographic differences in the four QoL domains. Women obtained significantly  
15 lower scores on the physical health, psychological, and environment domains. Those  
16 with fewer years of work experience obtained lower scores on the psychological and  
17 environment domains. A positive association emerged between scores on the  
18 psychological domain and dual employment. Medication intake due to work, leisure  
19 time, and physical activity had a significant effect on all the four QoL domains.

20 Pearson's correlation analysis revealed that age, number of children, and sleep  
21 duration were positively (but very weakly) correlated ( $p < 0.001$ ) with all the four  
22 domains scores (exception: age and social relationships). The PSS scores were  
23 negatively correlated with all the four QoL domain scores (psychological: strong,  
24 others: moderate).

## 25 26 **Predictors of QoL**

27 Multivariate analysis revealed that a combination of selected variables partially  
28 explained the variance ( $R^2$ ) in the four domain scores (physical health = 50%,  
29 psychological = 58%, social relationships = 27%, and environment = 40%). These  
30 results are presented in Table 5. The standardized coefficient ( $\beta$ ) indicates the extent  
31 to which the independent variables had an effect on each QoL domain.

1 Table 1 – Sociodemographic characteristics of the participants and group  
 2 differences in mean scores on the Perceived Stress Scale.  
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Variables	n	%	PSS	SD	<i>P</i>
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	169	48.6	21.4	8.25	
Female	179	51.4	26.09	7.39	0.000*
<b>Marital status</b>					
Not married	60	17.2	24.53	8.39	
Married	263	75.6	23.83	8.04	
Divorced	21	6.0	22.04	8.94	
Widower	4	1.1	16.75	4.11	0.217
<b>Location of the institution</b>					
North	8	2.3	24.5	2.27	
Northeast	55	15.8	22.72	1.14	
South	93	26.7	24.05	0.69	
Southeast	181	52	23.96	0.65	
Midwest	11	3.2	24.36	3.07	0.876
<b>Educational level</b>					
Master's degree	4	1.1	18.25	2.21	
PhD for less than 5 years	54	15.5	25.59	8.21	
PhD for more than 5 years	290	83.3	23.53	8.15	0.093
<b>Management position</b>					
Yes	167	48	23.3	7.76	
No	181	52	24.25	8.52	0.282
<b>kind of employment bond</b>					
Collaborating	39	11.3	23.47	1.38	
Permanent	298	86.4	23.86	8.06	
Visitor	8	2.3	21.87	11.15	0.771
<b>Dual employment</b>					
Yes	54	15.5	21.53	8.96	
No	294	84.5	24.21	7.95	0.027*
<b>Program</b>					
Public	240	69.2	23.91	8.46	
Private	107	30.8	23.51	7.45	0.673

Number of published papers						
	None	7	2.0	19.33	4.84	
	One	18	5.2	25.66	8.81	
	2 to 5	169	48.7	24.33	8.18	
	6 to 10	88	25.4	23.26	8.09	
	More than 10	55	15.9	23.65	7.66	
	More than 20	10	2.9	18.2	9.82	0.128
Medication intake due to work						
	Yes	99	28.4	28.27 <b>a</b>	7.67	
	No	246	70.5	21.95 <b>b</b>	7.68	
	Do not remember	4	1.1	26.5 <b>ab</b>	5.06	0.000*
Leisure time						
	Yes	172	49.4	21.52	7.89	
	No	176	50.6	26.06	7.77	0.000*
Physical activity						
	Yes	188	53.9	22.2	7.93	
	No	161	46.1	25.65	8.04	0.000*

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1 (SD) Standard deviation; (P) p value; (PSS) perceived stress scale mean score  
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Table 2 – Sociodemographic characteristics of the participants.

Continuous variables	Mean	SD	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Age (years)	44.9	9.5	43	27	71
Number of children	1.1	0.9	1	0	4
Work experience (years)	9.8	7.3	8	0	43
Graduate weekly workload (hours)	17.2	10	16	0	50
Undergraduate weekly workload (hours)	15.2	8.3	14	0	56
Sleep duration (hours)	6.6	0.9	7	4	9

(SD) standard deviation

Table 3 – Mean score values for the four domains of quality of life and results stratified by sociodemographic characteristics.

		<b>Physical Health</b>		<b>Psychological</b>		<b>Social Relationships</b>		<b>Environment</b>	
		Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>
All subjects		72.2 (15.1)		70.1 (13.6)		66.8 (17.4)		68.7 (11.9)	
Sex									
	Male	74.6 (14.66)		73.1 (13.1)		67.9 (16.6)		70.6 (11.4)	
	Female	69.9 (15.3)	0.004*	67.2 (13.6)	0,000*	65.6 (18.0)	0.217	66.7 (12.0)	0.002*
Marital status									
	Not married	71.2 (15.3)		67.5 (14.2)		66.8 (17.8)		65.7 (12.4) <b>a</b>	
	Married	72.1 (15.1)		70.3 (13.6)		66.4 (17.3)		69.0 (11.6) <b>ab</b>	
	Divorced	75.3 (16.2)		74.0 (13.2)		71.0 (17.7)		71.1 (13.7) <b>ab</b>	
	Widower	83.0 (7.9)	0.367	75.0 (6.8)	0.225	75.0 (6.8)	0.526	81.2 (5.7) <b>b</b>	0.027*
Location of the institution									
	North	73.6 (3.5)		71.8 (2.8)		62.5 (6.0)		64.0 (2.9)	
	Northeast	72.5 (1.8)		72.2 (1.6)		66.0 (2.4)		69.9 (1.6)	
	South	72.9 (1.6)		68.9 (1.3)		64.8 (1.9)		68.6 (1.1)	
	Southeast	71.6 (1.1)		69.8 (1.0)		68.2 (1.2)		68.6 (0.9)	
	Midwest	73.0 (5.4)	0.967	73.1 (4.8)	0.596	65.9 (5.8)	0.551	67.3 (4.4)	0.747
Educational level									
	Master's degree	83.9 (16.6)		77.0 (5.3) <b>ab</b>		68.7 (7.9)		75 (3.6) <b>ab</b>	
	PhD for less than 5 years	69.3 (16.4)		65.8 (13.4) <b>a</b>		63.5 (16.9)		64.6 (11.6) <b>a</b>	

PhD for more than 5 years		72.6 (14.8)	0.102	70.8 (13.6) <b>b</b>	0.028*	67.3 (17.5)	0.336	69.3 (11.9) <b>b</b>	0.015*
Management position									
	Yes	73.1 (14.1)		71.2 (13.2)		66.7 (17.2)		68.8 (11.6)	
	No	71.3 (16.0)	0.283	69.0 (14.0)	0.137	66.8 (17.6)	0.984	68.6 (12.2)	0.903
Kind of employment bond									
	Collaborating	70.7 (15.1)		67.5 (15.0)		65.5 (13.2)		68 (11.9)	
	Permanent	72.3 (15.0)		70.4 (13.4)		66.8 (18.1)		68.7 (12.0)	
	Visitor	73.6 (22.4)	0.798	72.9 (17.8)	0.395	70.8 (10.9)	0.737	71.4 (11.3)	0.757
Dual employment									
	Yes	75.2 (14.7)		73.7 (14.2)		66.3 (17.0)		69.3 (14.0)	
	No	71.6 (15.2)	0.111	69.4 (13.5)	0.033*	66.8 (17.5)	0.844	68.6 (11.5)	0.659
Program									
	Public	71.4 (15.6)		69.7 (14.1)		65.9 (18.2)		68.8 (12.3)	
	Private	74.1 (14.0)	0.120	71.0 (12.6)	0.435	68.7 (17.4)	0.157	68.6 (11.2)	0.902
Number of published papers									
	None	69.8 (21.9)		67.8 (14.7)		67.8 (15.5)		71.0 (13.9)	
	One	72.0 (14.6)		72.9 (12.6)		68.5 (20.3)		67.0 (14.3)	
	2 to 5	70.0 (16.5)		68.6 (14.6)		67.0 (17.3)		67.8 (11.4)	
	6 to 10	73.6 (12.7)		70.3 (13.1)		66.0 (17.4)		68.6 (11.9)	
	More than 10	76.4 (13.1)		72.4 (11.6)		65.0 (16.3)		70.8 (11.9)	
	More than 20	79.2 (11.0)	0.057	78.7 (10.8)	0.136	78.3 (18.5)	0.376	75.6 (13.2)	0.275
Medication intake due to work									

	Yes	63.0 (16.4) <b>a</b>		63.4 (14.3) <b>a</b>		59.2 (18.3) <b>a</b>		64.1 (13.0) <b>a</b>	
	No	76.0 (12.8) <b>b</b>		72.8 (12.5) <b>b</b>		69.9 (16.0) <b>b</b>		70.6 (10.9) <b>b</b>	
	Do not remember	66.0 (19.4) <b>ab</b>	0,000*	67.7 (6.2) <b>ab</b>	0,000*	58.3 (18.0) <b>ab</b>	0,000*	60.1 (3.9) <b>ab</b>	0,000*
Leisure time									
	Yes	75.5 (14.9)		73.7 (12.1)		70.0 (15.9)		71.3 (11.9)	
	No	69.0 (14.7)	0,000*	66.5 (14.2)	0,000*	63.5 (18.2)	0,000*	66.1 (11.4)	0,000*
Physical activity									
	Yes	75.7 (14.1)		73.0 (12.7)		69.3 (16)		71.1 (11.5)	
	No	68.2 (15.2)	0,000*	66.7 (13.9)	0,000*	63.8 (18.4)	0.003*	65.8 (11.8)	0,000*

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(SD) Standard deviation; (P) p value; Different letters mean statistical significance; \* Statistically significant



Table 4 – Predictors of Perceived Stress.

<b>Independent variables</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>β</b>	<b>P</b>
	0.32		
α=constant		41.7	0.000
Sex			
Male		0	-
Female		3.4	0.000
Age		-0.2	0.000
Sleep duration		-1.8	0.000
Dual employment			
Yes		-2.5	0.019
No		0	-
Medication intake due to work			
Yes		5.1	0.000
No		0	-
Leisure time			
Yes		-2.5	0.001
No		0	-

(P) p value; (β) standardized coefficient of each independent variable by regression.

All results were statistically significant at p<0.05

Table 5 – Predictors of the four domains of Quality of Life.

	Physical Health			Psychological			Social Relationships			Environment		
	R <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	P	R <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	P	R <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	P	R <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	P
	0.50			0.58			0.27			0.40		
$\alpha$ =constant		74.3	0.000		100.2	0.000		91.8	0.000		80.5	0.000
PSS		-0.9	0.000		-1.2	0.000		-1.0	0.000		-0.9	0.000
Sleep duration		3.4	0.000		-	-		-	-		1.3	0.018
Medication intake due to work												
Yes		-7.3	0.000		-2.4	0.038		-5.0	0.009		-	-
No		0	-		0	-		0	-		-	-

(P) p value; (PSS) perceived stress scale mean score; ( $\beta$ ) standardized coefficient of each independent variable by regression. All results were statistically significant at p<0.05

## 1 **DISCUSSION**

2           The findings of this national survey serve as a starting point for further  
3 discussion on the working conditions and QoL of graduate dental faculty members.  
4 Our findings suggest that sleep duration and medication intake due to work are  
5 important predictors of both perceived stress and QoL.

6           Our participants primarily taught graduate courses, but they were also involved  
7 in the undergraduate program. In general, professionals within the field of dentistry  
8 who are involved in graduate educational programs (i.e., master's and doctoral  
9 degree levels) also take on responsibilities that pertain to the undergraduate program.  
10 This is a characteristic feature of this population. Nevertheless, differences in the  
11 workload that involvement in undergraduate and graduate programs entails did not  
12 affect our findings regarding perceived stress and QoL. A national survey conducted  
13 in Australia found that a majority of the participating faculty members were involved  
14 in both teaching and research activities; in contrast, only a minority of the participants  
15 were research- or teaching-only faculty members. Those who were involved only in  
16 research activities reported greater job satisfaction and lower levels of psychological  
17 strain.<sup>18</sup> Because perceived stress and QoL are also related to other life domains,<sup>3</sup>  
18 the present findings are not entirely attributable to the occupational demands of  
19 graduate programs.

20           In this study, female participants obtained lower scores on the physical health,  
21 psychological, and environment domains than their male counterparts. However,  
22 when compared to the general population, both men and women obtained higher QoL  
23 scores across all domains, except social relationships.<sup>19</sup> Another survey conducted  
24 among healthcare and life sciences faculty members reported QoL scores that are  
25 comparable to the present results.<sup>3</sup> In addition, female participants obtained higher  
26 PSS scores. These findings are consistent with the literature.<sup>3</sup> Sex differences in  
27 psychological characteristics are important factors that merit attention because men  
28 are less susceptible to the impact of external factors.<sup>4</sup> In some countries (e.g., Brazil  
29 and India), women constitute a higher proportion of the population of dentists. Further,  
30 higher numbers of women attend dental schools in North America.<sup>20</sup> Thus, it is  
31 important to pay special attention to the women who belong to this field. Our findings  
32 suggest that devising specific strategies to reduce stress will improve the QoL of this  
33 population.

1 Continuous exposure to occupational stressors (i.e., high work demands and  
2 low levels of resources) can lead to burnout syndrome and lower QoL.<sup>3,4</sup> In our study,  
3 a specific combination of selected variables explained 32% of the variance in the PSS  
4 scores. These variables accounted for only a proportion of the variance because  
5 several factors contribute to perceived stress. In this study, medication intake due to  
6 work emerged as an important predictor of higher levels of perceived stress. These  
7 findings suggest that a subgroup of faculty members may need to take medications  
8 to cope with work stress. Further, such individuals may not know how to cope with  
9 stressful work demands, and this in turn may lower their QoL. Some researchers have  
10 underscored the feasibility and clinical effectiveness of psychotherapy in promoting  
11 well-being and alleviating distress among college students.<sup>8</sup> Identifying individuals  
12 with this occupational profile and referring them to psychological counselors will  
13 facilitate the prevention of more serious mental health problems.

14 Variables such as sleep duration and leisure time were inversely related to  
15 perceived stress. They may serve as coping strategies that effectively alleviate stress.  
16 Our findings also suggest that longer sleep durations predict better QoL. Past studies  
17 conducted among healthcare faculty members have shown that inadequate leisure  
18 time leads to sleep problems (which in turn can render them vulnerable to mental  
19 illnesses), burnout, and significant changes within their organizations. These factors  
20 can negatively affect their social and family relationships and, consequently, worsen  
21 their health and QoL.<sup>11</sup> In another study, there was a statistically significant  
22 association between stress and poor sleep quality among medical students.<sup>21</sup>  
23 Accordingly, the researchers recommended the establishment of counseling centers  
24 that promote good sleep hygiene in academic institutions.

25 Exercise has been recommended as a coping strategy that is effective in  
26 reducing stress.<sup>22</sup> In this study, there was a significant difference in perceived stress  
27 and QoL between individuals who engaged and did not engage in physical activity. Li  
28 and Kou (2018) found that lower levels of physical activity are associated with greater  
29 stress among university professors. According to them, frequent and regular  
30 engagement in physical exercise increases energy levels and helps individuals feel  
31 refreshed and optimistic. These positive outcomes enhance their work efficiency and  
32 relieve psychological stress.<sup>23</sup> However, in our study, physical activity was not  
33 retained as a significant predictor of perceived stress or QoL in the final multivariate  
34 regression model. Leisure time rather than physical activity emerged as a significant

1 predictor of perceived stress in the final multivariate regression model. Thus, when  
2 compared to physical activity, leisure time was more effective in alleviating stress  
3 and, consequently, improving the QoL of the graduate dental faculty members who  
4 participated in this study. Yao et al. (2015) found that greater involvement in hobbies  
5 reduces burnout among Chinese medical faculty members.<sup>24</sup>

6 It is noteworthy that stress is a multicausal variable. Further, it is difficult to  
7 isolate the various stressors that operate in academic environments. Past studies  
8 have shown that stress is associated with other variables such as scientific research  
9 pressure, academic title promotion, and lack of routine breaks.<sup>25</sup> In this study, there  
10 was no association between perceived stress and any of the occupational  
11 characteristics that were assessed (e.g., occupying a management position, kind of  
12 employment bond, and number of published papers). However, dual employment  
13 emerged as a significant predictor of perceived stress. This finding contradicted our  
14 predictions. Specifically, the findings suggest that faculty members who work in one  
15 only institution experience greater stress. Studies conducted among faculty members  
16 from different disciplines have shown that more than one-third of them experience  
17 burnout and that 86% of them work for 40 hours (i.e., exclusive dedication).<sup>3</sup> Thus,  
18 working in other institutions with different work environments may influence their  
19 perceived stress levels; this is one explanation for our findings. In addition, working  
20 for more than one institution may not necessarily increase workload. Hence, it is  
21 possible that faculty members who are employed by only one institution face greater  
22 work demands, which increase their perceived stress levels.

23 With regard to QoL, a specific combination of selected variables (i.e.,  
24 perceived stress, sleep duration, and medication intake due to work) explained 50%,  
25 58%, 27%, and 40% of the variance in the physical health, psychological, social  
26 relationships, and environment domain scores, respectively. The effects of these  
27 variables on QoL, especially the physical health and psychological domains, are  
28 readily apparent. Perceived stress played an important role in explaining the variance  
29 in QoL scores, especially the psychological domain scores. Over the past few  
30 decades, work pressures in academia have consistently been increasing at both the  
31 national and global level. This has resulted in the emergence of several stressors.<sup>25</sup>  
32 Additionally, job-related burnout has been found to have a direct negative effect on  
33 the QoL of faculty members,<sup>24</sup> irrespective of their discipline.<sup>3</sup> Coping strategies that  
34 alleviate stress appear to improve QoL. In this regard, our findings suggest that longer

1 leisure and sleep durations and greater engagement in physical activity are effective  
2 in alleviating stress. Another study demonstrated strong support for the effectiveness  
3 of the practice of mindfulness in reducing job burnout among healthcare professionals  
4 and teachers.<sup>26</sup> These coping strategies should be promoted in academic  
5 environments to improve the QoL of faculty members.

6 This study has some limitations. Since a cross-sectional design was adopted  
7 in this study, we could not examine causal relationships between the study variables  
8 (i.e., QoL and perceived stress). However, the emergent predictors delineate the  
9 coping strategies that are likely to be effective in alleviating stress and improving QoL.  
10 Since this was a pioneering exploratory study that was conducted among graduate  
11 dental faculty, the use of a cross-sectional design is justified. Another limitation  
12 pertains to the PSS. The scale developers have noted that this scale assesses the  
13 level of stress that one has experienced during the past one or two months.  
14 Therefore, we could assess only the level of stress that the faculty members had  
15 experienced within this time frame. In addition, we did not assess specific variables  
16 pertaining to their daily routines. These variables may paint a more comprehensive  
17 portrait of the causes of stress and their impact on QoL. Finally, our sample  
18 recruitment procedure may have been vulnerable to selection bias. Specifically, those  
19 with very high or low levels of stress may have chosen to not participate in this study.

## 21 **CONCLUSION**

22 Sex (i.e., female) and medication intake due to work predicted higher levels of  
23 perceived stress. In contrast, age, sleep duration, dual employment, and leisure time  
24 were associated with lower PSS scores. Sleep duration emerged as a predictor of  
25 better QoL, whereas perceived stress and medication intake due to work emerged as  
26 predictors of poor QoL. These findings are expected to inform the development of  
27 interventions that aim to improve well-being and prevent mental disorders among  
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1 **ARTIGO 2 – Submetido no periódico European Journal of Dental Education**  
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4 **Predictors of perceived stress and quality of life among dental master and**  
5 **doctoral students**

6  
7 **ABSTRACT**

8 **Objectives:** This study aimed to identify predictors of perceived stress and quality of  
9 life (QoL) among dental master and doctoral students. **Materials and methods:** This  
10 is a cross-sectional study with brazilian students as participants (n=707). The following  
11 instruments were administered: Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), the WHOQOL-BREF,  
12 and a sociodemographic questionnaire. A linear regression model was estimated.

13 **Results:** The results showed that female was associated with higher scores of PSS  
14 and lower scores of QoL. A negative correlation was observed between PSS and all  
15 four domains of QoL. Multivariate analysis revealed that the set of selected variables  
16 was capable of partially explain the variability of PSS score (28%) and of the four QoL  
17 domains: physical (52%), psychological (62%), social relationships (25%), and  
18 environment (37%). The variables number of children, hours of sleep, concurrent work  
19 and study, leisure time, and physical activity practice were associated with positive  
20 changes on QoL, while PSS and medication intake with negative. Lower PSS score  
21 was associated with the variables age, hours of sleep, leisure time and physical  
22 activity. **Conclusions:** Our findings suggest that perceived stress and medication  
23 intake due to study are important predictors of lower QoL in dental master and doctoral  
24 students, especially in the psychological domain. More hours of sleep, leisure time,  
25 and physical activity improved both QoL and perceived stress scores and might be  
26 feasible coping strategies for these outcomes in this population.

27 **Keywords:** Dental students, Mental health, Quality of life, Stress.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

2 Scientific production has increased in many countries, including the field of  
3 Dentistry.<sup>1</sup> For early-career scientists, including master and doctoral students,  
4 competing for academic demands, and high stress levels, among other variables, may  
5 lead to debilitating depression, bouts of anxiety, or even suicide attempts.<sup>2</sup> Studies  
6 have suggested that medical and dental students experience high rates of depression,  
7 stress, and suicide ideation<sup>3,4</sup> affecting the quality of life (QoL) of these individuals.<sup>5</sup>

8 Increasingly, health policies are recognizing that measures of disease alone are  
9 not sufficient to determine health status. Therefore, multi-level and multi-dimensional  
10 measures of health and well-being, such as QoL, have been used in several studies.<sup>6</sup>  
11 The WHO defines QoL as “individuals’ perceptions of their position in life in the context  
12 of the culture and value systems in which they live and in relation to their goals,  
13 expectations, standards and concerns.” It is a subjective evaluation that is embedded  
14 in a cultural, social, and environmental context.<sup>7</sup>

15 Researchers relates that undergraduate dental students experience  
16 considerable amounts of stress during their training, mainly due to the demanding  
17 nature of the training.<sup>4,8</sup> The main effects of stress are felt on psycho-emotional well-  
18 being, physical health, academic performance, and on habits such as smoking and  
19 alcohol consumption.<sup>4</sup> Similar or even more diverse stressful activities are required by  
20 those enrolled in graduate programmes.<sup>9</sup>

21 Graduate-level dental programmes are commonly divided into the areas of  
22 specialty training, research degrees (i.e. Masters Degrees or PhDs) or a combination  
23 of the two.<sup>9</sup> In Brazil, after completing the undergraduate degree and obtaining the  
24 DDS degree, professionals seek universities to conduct graduate courses, classified  
25 as *Lato Sensu* or *Stricto Sensu*. *Lato sensu* graduate courses are considered  
26 specialization courses with a primarily clinical focus for professional practice, while  
27 *Stricto Sensu* is related to masters and doctorates focused on scientific research and  
28 academic training.<sup>10</sup> The number of Dental master and doctorate courses in Brazil has  
29 grown considerably in the last 10 years, and this growth was proportional to the  
30 increase of its scientific production that represents the second largest in the world.<sup>1,10,11</sup>

31 National statistics specific to dental master and doctoral students are difficult to  
32 obtain, for any country. A research demonstrated high rates of burnout symptoms  
33 among postgraduate dental students and found that perceived stress was positively  
34 associated with burnout.<sup>9</sup> Elevated stress levels can impede performance on tasks that

1 require divided attention, working memory, retrieval of information from memory, and  
2 decision making.<sup>12</sup> As mental health is an important determinant of QoL, it has been  
3 demonstrated that perceived stress is an important risk factor for poor mental health  
4 among young adults.<sup>13</sup>

5 Quality of life and mental illness due to stress is a growing concern within  
6 graduate education (master and doctorate).<sup>14</sup> Despite increased discussion on this  
7 theme, it is necessary to better understand the factors that impact the stress and QoL  
8 in master and doctoral student populations. Especially in dentistry, to the best of our  
9 knowledge, there are no studies investigating these outcomes in this population. Thus,  
10 the aim of this study was to identify predictors of perceived stress and quality of life  
11 among dental master and doctoral students.

## 13 **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

14 This research was a cross-sectional study developed in Brazil, which was  
15 approved by the Human Ethics and Research Committee of the Pontifical Catholic  
16 University of Paraná. Informed consent was obtained from all participants included in  
17 the study.

### 19 **Sample**

20 The population involved was composed of students from all Brazilian public and  
21 private graduate programs in Dentistry (Master's degree and Ph.D.). Based on the  
22 most recent available records of a national survey<sup>11</sup> carried out before this study, which  
23 included a population of 7,507 students, a sample calculation was performed through  
24 the method of sampling proportions admitting  $p = (1-p) = 50\%$ . As a result, a sample  
25 of 439 individuals was established, admitting a 95% confidence level with a maximum  
26 error margin of 5%.

### 28 **Data collection strategy**

29 Self-administered questionnaires uploaded in a digital platform (Qualtrics, LLC,  
30 Salt Lake, Utah) were used to collect data. A single response link to the questionnaire  
31 was sent to respondents by e-mail along with information about free and informed  
32 consent and a reminder was set to be sent after three days. Previously, the  
33 coordinators of the courses had been contacted by e-mail to formalize students'

1 permission to participate in the research. Coordinators were informed about the  
2 objectives of the study and asked to send the questionnaires via e-mail to the students  
3 of each corresponding institution. Additionally, the questionnaires were distributed  
4 through a list of contacts available in the annals of the 35th Annual Meeting of the  
5 Brazilian Division of the International Association for Dental Research (SBPqO-  
6 IADR)<sup>15</sup> which included e-mail addresses of graduate students in Dentistry throughout  
7 all the country. The data collection period was between August 15 and December 15,  
8 2018.

### 9 10 **Data collection instruments**

11 The Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), translated and validated for Brazilian  
12 population, was administered.<sup>16</sup> This instrument is comprised of 14 items measured  
13 with a 5-point Likert scale, and its total score ranges between zero and 56 points. Items  
14 are divided into seven negative (Factor 1: 1, 2, 3, 8, 11, 12 e 14) and seven positive  
15 questions (Factor 2: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 e 13). A higher overall score means higher  
16 perceived stress.

17 The WHOQOL-BREF<sup>7</sup> is used to evaluate QoL in adult populations and was  
18 also translated and validated for portuguese.<sup>17</sup> It contains 26 questions, two of which  
19 measure overall health. The other 24 questions are distributed in four domains:  
20 physical health, psychological, social relationships, and environment. The items in  
21 each domain are measured on a 5-point Likert scale. Depending on the item, the scale  
22 may evaluate intensity (not at all - extremely), capacity (not at all - completely),  
23 frequency (never - always) and satisfaction evaluation (very dissatisfied - very  
24 satisfied; very poor - very good). Scores in the four domains range from zero to 100,  
25 and higher scores indicate better QoL.

26 A questionnaire created by the authors was also used, containing  
27 sociodemographic data (sex, age, marital status, location, number of children,  
28 educational level), labor (concurrent work and study, scholarship, number of papers  
29 published), and health variables (medication intake due to study, hours of sleep, leisure  
30 time, physical activity).

### 31 32 **Statistical analysis**

1           Within the univariate analysis, categorical variables were described using total  
2 number and percentage while continuous variables were described by mean, median,  
3 standard deviation, minimum and maximum. Cronbach's alpha was used to assess the  
4 internal consistency of the WHOQOL-BREF domains and PSS. During bivariate  
5 analysis comparisons between dependent (PSS score and QoL) and independent  
6 variables (socio-demographic characteristics) were performed through One-way  
7 ANOVA and Student's t-test. Chi-square test was used to verify the association  
8 between independent variables. To identify the exact relationship between variables  
9 when ANOVA was used, Tukey's post-hoc and Games-Howell tests were applied.  
10 Levene's test was used to assess the homogeneity of variances. When the data  
11 distribution was homogeneous, Tukey's test was performed, otherwise Games-Howell  
12 test was utilized. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to determine the  
13 relationship between the continuous independent variables and dependent variables  
14 (e.g., PSS score and QoL scores). Variables presenting a significant correlation with  
15 PSS and QoL scores were then included in multiple linear regression analyses with  
16 stepwise selection using entry and exit probabilities of 0.05 and 0.1, respectively. A  
17 significance level of 5% was adopted. Data were analyzed using the SPSS statistical  
18 software, version 25 (IBM Company, Chicago) and Microsoft Office Excel 365.

## 20 **RESULTS**

21           The present study involved 802 participants and 95 incomplete questionnaires  
22 were excluded, resulting in a sample of 707 students. Table 1 and 2 shows the  
23 sociodemographic characteristics of the sample.

24           Chi-square test revealed a statistically significant association between  
25 medication intake due to study and sex, leisure time, and physical activity. These  
26 results showed that individuals who had already used medication because of problems  
27 related to studies were mostly women and students who did not have leisure time nor  
28 practiced physical activity.

## 30 **PSS**

31           The PSS exhibited high levels of internal consistency (Cronbach's alpha =  
32 0.904). PSS mean scores and results of comparisons with One-way ANOVA and  
33 Student's t-test are presented in Table 1. A statistically significant difference was

1 observed between the PSS mean scores of some categorical variables (Table 1).  
2 Female had a significant higher PSS score comparing to male students, as well as not  
3 married students compared with married. Individuals who had a scholarship, those who  
4 had taken medication due to study and students from public programs also showed  
5 significant higher mean score of PSS. Leisure time and physical activity improved  
6 significantly the PSS mean score.

7 With regards to continuous variables, a negative but very weak correlation was  
8 found between PSS mean scores and age, number of children, and hours of sleep,  
9 which indicated that as the mean values of these variables increased the mean values  
10 of perceived stress scale decreased.

## 12 **QoL**

13 All four domains of the WHOQOL-BREF exhibited high levels of internal  
14 consistency: physical health, psychological, social relationships, and environment  
15 (Cronbach's alpha = 0.786, 0.823, 0.716, and 0.759, respectively).

16 Table 3 presents the mean score values in the four domains of QoL as well as  
17 results of comparisons with One-way ANOVA and Student's t-test. There were  
18 significant differences between some categorical variables and these domains. Men  
19 presented significantly higher values in the physical and psychological domains.  
20 Regarding marital status, married individuals showed higher QoL scores compared to  
21 single individuals in the physical health, psychological, and environmental domains.  
22 Students who had already taken medication for problems related to their studies, and  
23 did not have leisure time nor practiced physical activity often showed lower QoL scores  
24 in all domains. Having a scholarship, not working concurrently with studies, and being  
25 part of public graduate programs also had an influence on lower QoL rates. All four  
26 domains scores were inversely correlated with PSS scores ( $p < 0.001$ ).

## 28 **Perceived stress predictors**

29 Predictors for PSS scores in dental master and doctoral students based on  
30 multivariate analyses are summarized in Table 4. In the final model, the remaining  
31 variables explained 28% of the PSS scores ( $R^2=0,28$ ). The coefficient ( $\beta$ ) shows how  
32 much its presence increased (positive value) or reduced (negative value) the predicted  
33 PSS score.

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## Quality of life predictors

Multivariate analysis revealed that the set of selected variables was capable of partially explaining the variability ( $R^2$ ) of the four domains: physical health, psychological, social relationships, and environment (52%, 62%, 25%, and 37%, respectively). These results are shown in Table 5. The coefficient ( $\beta$ ) shows how much the independent variables predicted the QoL score in each domain.

Table 1 – Socio-demographic characteristics of the study population and results of comparisons by mean score of perceived stress scale (PSS).

Categorical Variables	n	%	PSS	SD	<i>P</i>
Sex					
Male	191	27	28.8	8.7	0.000*
Female	516	73	32.5	8.0	
Marital status					
Not married	488	69.3	32.5a	8.2	0.000*
Married	203	28.8	29.5b	8.3	
Divorced	13	1.8	27.7ab	7.4	
Educational level					
Master's student	392	55.4	31.6	8.6	0.824
Doctoral student	315	44.6	31.4	8.0	
Location					
North	9	1.3	32.6	2.0	0.981
Northeast	81	11.5	31.5	0.9	
South	208	29.5	31.3	0.5	
Southeast	393	55.7	31.6	0.4	
Midwest	15	2.1	32.0	2.2	
Scholarship					
Yes	412	58.2	32.1	7.8	0.026*
No	296	41.8	30.7	9.0	
Concurrent work and study					
Yes	411	58.1	31.0	8.5	0.520
No	297	41.9	32.2	8.1	
Program					
Public	484	68.6	32.0	8.3	0.015*
Private	222	31.4	30.4	8.4	
Number of papers published					
None	284	40.2	31.5	8.5	
One	200	28.3	32.5	7.3	

	2 to 5	203	28.8	30.9	8.9	
	6 to 10	16	2.3	29.8	9.7	
	More than 10	3	0.4	23	4.3	0.109
Medication intake due to study						
	Yes	302	42.7	34.4 <b>a</b>	7.6	
	No	394	55.7	29.4 <b>b</b>	8.2	
	Do not remember	11	1.6	30.4 <b>ab</b>	9.0	0.000*
Leisure time						
	Yes	257	36.5	28.8	8.2	
	No	448	63.5	33.1	8.1	0.000*
Physical activity						
	Yes	281	39.7	29.5	8.2	
	No	427	60.3	32.8	8.2	0.000*

1 (SD) Standard deviation; (P) p value; (PSS) perceived stress scale mean score

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Table 2 – Socio-demographic characteristics of the study population.

<u>Continuous variables</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Age (years)	30.4	7.4	28	21	65
Number of children	0.2	0.6	0	0	4
Hours of sleep	6.4	1.03	6	2	12

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Table 3 – Mean score values for the four domains of quality of life and results stratified by socio-demographic characteristics.

Variables	Physical		Psychological		Social		Environment	
	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>	Mean (SD)	<i>P</i>
All subjects	62.7 (16.2)		55.8 (17.6)		59.8 9 (21.3)		57.5 (14.8)	
Sex								
Male	65.6 (15.8)		58.9 (18.4)		58.9 (21.9)		58.1 (15.2)	
Female	61.5 (16.2)	0.003*	54.7 (17.1)	0.004*	60.1 (21.1)	0.513	57.3 (14.6)	0.485
Marital status								
Not married	61.2 (15.5) <b>a</b>		53.7 (17.1) <b>a</b>		58.8 (20.5) <b>a</b>		55.7 (14.3) <b>a</b>	
Maried	65.6 (17.4) <b>b</b>		60.2 (17.8) <b>b</b>		60.8 (22.9) <b>ab</b>		61.5 (15.2) <b>b</b>	
Divorced	67.0 (13.3) <b>ab</b>	0.003*	63.1 (15.5) <b>ab</b>	0,000*	73.7 (17.6) <b>b</b>	0.031*	57.9 (11.8) <b>ab</b>	0,000*
Educational level								
Master's student	62.6 (16.3)		55.6 (17.4)		59.5 (20.9)		56.2 (15.1)	
Doctoral student	62.7 (16.1)	0.951	56.0 (17.7)	0.752	60.3 (21.9)	0.615	59.0 (14.2)	0.001*
Location								
North	63.8 (6.8)		52.3 (5.6)		51.8 (7.0)		56.2 (4.5)	
Nosteast	61.0 (1.9)		54.5 (2.0)		58.3 (2.5)		55.9 (1.6)	
South	65.0 (1.1)		56.3 (1.2)		61.7 (1.4)		59.9 (1.0)	
Southeast	61.6 (0.8)		55.9 (0.8)		59.7 (1.0)		56.4 (0.7)	
Midwest	63.8 (3.3)	0.129	55.2 (4.2)	0.908	52.2 (4.9)	0.267	60.0 (3.4)	0.052
Scholarship								
Yes	61.4 (16.3)		54.9 (17.1)		59.0 (21.1)		56.4 (14.4)	
No	64.4 (16.0)	0.014*	57.2 (18.2)	0.082	61.0 (21.7)	0.221	59.1 (15.1)	0.015*
Concurrent work and study								
Yes	63.9 (16.1)		57.6 (17.9)		60.6 (21.6)		59.5 (15.0)	

Program	No	60.9 (16.2)	0.015*	53.4 (16.9)	0.002*	58.7 (20.9)	0.248	54.8 (14.0)	0,000*
	Public	62.2 (15.8)		54.9 (17.4)		60.3 (21.2)		56.7 (14.5)	
	Private	63.7 (17.0)	0.230	57.9 (17.7)	0.039	58.8 (21.6)	0.386	59.1 (15.2)	0.047*
Number of papers published									
	None	62.1 (15.9)		55.4 (17.7)		59.6 (20.9)		56.9 (15.0)	
	One	61.0 (15.7)		54.6 (17.0)		57.9 (21.5)		57.0 (15.4)	
	2 to 5	64.5 (17.1)		57.0 (18.0)		61.6 (22.1)		58.9 (14.1)	
	6 to 10	66.0 (16.3)		59.1 (16.4)		63.5 (19.2)		58.0 (9.8)	
	More than 10	69.0 (4.1)	0.194	66.6 (7.2)	0.460	66.6 (8.3)	0.423	51.0 (10.0)	0.527
Medication intake due to study									
	Yes	56.1 (16.4) <b>a</b>		49.7 (17.1) <b>a</b>		53.8 (21.9) <b>a</b>		54.7 (14.6) <b>a</b>	
	No	67.6 (14.1) <b>b</b>		60.6 (16.4) <b>b</b>		64.4 (19.6) <b>b</b>		59.8 (14.5) <b>b</b>	
	Do not remember	63.6 (16.7) <b>ab</b>	0.000*	53.7 (20.5) <b>ab</b>	0.000*	65.1 (25.2) <b>ab</b>	0.000*	53.1 (16.7) <b>ab</b>	0.000*
Leisure time									
	Yes	68.1 (15.2)		61.6 (16.6)		65.9 (20.6)		62.5 (14.6)	
	No	59.5 (16.0)	0.000*	52.5 (17.3)	0.000*	56.5 (21.0)	0.000*	54.7 (14.0)	0.000*
Physical activity									
	Yes	67.3 (15.0)		60.5 (16.2)		63.1 (20.6)		62.2 (13.8)	
	No	59.6 (16.3)	0.000*	52.7 (17.8)	0.000*	57.7 (21.6)	0.001*	54.4 (14.6)	0.000*

(SD) Standard deviation; (P) p value; Different letters mean statistical significance; \*Statistically significant

Table 4 – Perceived stress predictors using multivariable linear regression.

Independent variables	R <sup>2</sup>	$\beta$	P
	0.280		
$\alpha$ =constant		49.7	0.000
Sex			
Male		0	-
Female		2.7	0.000
Age		-0.3	0.000
Hours of sleep		-1.7	0.000
Medication intake due to study			
Yes		4.0	0.000
No		0	-
Leisure time			
Yes		-2.5	0.000
No		0	-
Physical activity			
Yes		-1.7	0.006
No		0	-

(P) p value; (PSS) perceived stress scale mean score;  
(P) p value; ( $\beta$ ) coefficient of each independent variable  
by regression.

All results were statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$

Table 5 – Quality of life predictors using multivariable linear regression.

Independent variables	Physical		Psychological		Social		Environment	
	$\beta$	<i>P</i>	$\beta$	<i>P</i>	$\beta$	<i>P</i>	$\beta$	<i>P</i>
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.528		0.628		0.266		0.375	
$\alpha$ =constant	79.2	0.000	99.3	0.000	79.9	0.000	66.3	0.000
PSS score	-1.1	0.000	-1.5	0.000	-0.9	0.000	-0.8	0.000
Sex								
Male	-	-	2.3	0.019	-	-	-	-
Female	-	-	0	-	-	-	-	-
Number of children	-	-	2.3	0.001	-	-	2.1	0.008
Educational level								
Master's student	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Doctoral student	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	0.002
Hours of sleep	2.7	0.000	-	-	1.5	0.009	1.1	0.021
Concurrent work and study								
Yes	1.87	0.035	1.9	0.032	-	-	3.7	0.000
No	0	-			-	-	0	-
Medication intake due to study								
Yes	-5.0	0.000	-3.2	0.000	-4.8	0.000	-	-
No	0	-	0	-	0	-	-	-
Leisure time								
Yes	-	-	2.2	0.021	2.9	0.018	3.1	0.004
No	-	-	0	-	0	-	0	-

Physical activity									
Yes	3.3	0.000	2.2	0.018	-	-	4.0	0.000	
No	0	-	0	-	-	-	0	-	

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(P) p value; ( $\beta$ ) coefficient of each independent variable by regression; the blank cells mean variables that were not considered in the final model.

All results were statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$

## 1 DISCUSSION

2 Research policy observers are increasingly concerned about the potential  
3 impact of current academic working conditions on mental health<sup>18</sup> and greater attention  
4 has been given to master and doctoral students' well-being and QoL<sup>2,14</sup>. Regarding to  
5 the field of Dentistry, students are required to participate in a wide spectrum of  
6 strenuous activities such as patient care, teaching and research and they may  
7 experience high levels of burnout.<sup>9</sup> The findings of our study reveal a concerning  
8 negative influence of variables such as perceived stress level and medication intake  
9 due to study on the QoL of dental master and doctoral students. On the other hand,  
10 we observed other variables, such as hours of sleep, leisure time and physical activity,  
11 that had a positive effect and may be a feasible way to improve master and doctoral  
12 students' QoL and stress.

13 With regards to the overall WHOQOL-BREF score, our findings showed  
14 differences concerning the psychological and social relationships domains, when  
15 compared to those from a Brazilian study carried out with the general population.<sup>19</sup> In  
16 this regard, master and doctoral students had lower QoL scores in these domains  
17 compared to the general population. Other studies that have applied the same  
18 instrument with north american undergraduate dental students<sup>20</sup> and brazilian medical  
19 students<sup>21</sup> showed better QoL scores for all domains. The population of the present  
20 study seems to have specific characteristics, such as intellectual demands of  
21 production, which may explain the differences in QoL scores, especially in the  
22 psychological and social relationships domains. Therefore, other authors have strong  
23 concerns about a mental health crisis within the graduate student population, which  
24 seems to be more vulnerable to experience depression and anxiety, and this is an  
25 important public health issue.<sup>14</sup>

26 In this study, the final regression model showed that female students presented  
27 higher PSS scores and lower QoL scores compared to male students, especially in the  
28 phycological domain. These findings are in agreement with the majority of studies that  
29 have evaluated these variables<sup>22</sup> and others, such as anxiety and depression.<sup>14,23</sup>  
30 Pekmezovic et al. (2011)<sup>23</sup> studied the factors associated with health-related QoL  
31 among Belgrade University students and proposed that lower QoL scores might be  
32 related to higher levels of depression in female students. On the other hand, Paro et

1 al. (2010)<sup>24</sup> found that female medical students without depressive symptoms also  
2 showed lower levels of QoL regarding the physical and mental health domains. In  
3 addition, other studies have revealed lower QoL among women in the general  
4 population.<sup>19</sup> Our results also showed that female sex was associated with medication  
5 intake due to study. The intrinsic psychological differences between genders could  
6 explain these findings. Females are more likely to articulate their worries and  
7 emotions.<sup>8</sup> In addition men generally have a strong sense of independence and more  
8 rugged feelings, consequentially they are less susceptible to the impact of the external  
9 environment.<sup>25</sup>

10 The set of variables selected in the regression model was capable of explaining  
11 62% of the variability in the QoL score of the psychological domain. This was the  
12 highest explanatory value found in all QoL domains followed by physical (52%),  
13 environment (37%), and social relationships (25%). Mental health is considered to be  
14 a main determinant of QoL.<sup>13</sup> In our study, higher perceived stress scores and  
15 medication intake due to study had a negative impact on this outcome. The strong  
16 influence of these variables as predictors of lower QoL scores in dental master and  
17 doctoral students is concerning. This population often experiences a very stressful  
18 routine of activities and, therefore, they may experience high levels of burnout, anxiety,  
19 and depression.<sup>9,26</sup> Other authors have also mentioned perceived stress as an  
20 important risk factor for low mental health in university students.<sup>13</sup> Could it be a given  
21 condition of master and doctoral students to have their quality of life affected by stress?  
22 Because of the potential negative impact of stress, medical educators might want to  
23 consider different modalities for training students in stress management<sup>12</sup>, including  
24 mind-body stress reduction.<sup>27</sup> Based on our findings, this strategy could improve the  
25 QoL of dentistry master and doctoral students.

26 On the other hand, other variables in this study were found to have a positive  
27 impact on QoL domains such as more hours of sleep, physical activity, and leisure  
28 time. These variables were also predictors to less perceived stress among dental  
29 master and doctoral students. These findings reveal feasible ways to improve the QoL  
30 and reduce stress level of master and doctoral students. In fact, in our study, these  
31 three variables increased the scores of all QoL domains. It has been demonstrated  
32 that practicing physical activity can improve the QoL of medical students<sup>28</sup> and



1 adolescents.<sup>29</sup> Therefore, graduate programs should encourage students to practice  
2 this kind of activity. Universities should invest in creating supportive physical, social  
3 and academic environments that promote student mental wellbeing.<sup>30</sup> Alternatively, the  
4 academic demands should be organized alongside other activities such as yoga, arts,  
5 and music<sup>31</sup> or, as demonstrated in the present study, by providing opportunities for  
6 concurrent work and study, which could help to shift the focus from academics.

7 Our findings showed similar levels of perceived stress to those found in another  
8 study with a graduate student population.<sup>32</sup> The PSS scale used was originally  
9 suggested for examining the gap of non-specific appraised stress in the etiology of  
10 health conditions as well as an outcome measure of experienced levels of stress.<sup>33</sup>  
11 Although some of the variables examined, such as sex, age, hours of sleep, medication  
12 intake due to study, leisure time, and physical activity had an association with PSS,  
13 they could explain only 28% on the PSS variation. We understand that the graduation  
14 environment has several internal stressors such as publishing and mentoring  
15 relationships,<sup>26</sup> not to mention extra-curricular factors like financial constraints and  
16 family issues.<sup>9</sup> On the other hand, as mentioned above, our findings showed a strong  
17 association between PSS and all domains of QoL. Therefore, perceived stress is an  
18 important predictor of QoL in the studied population.

19 No association was found between the number of papers published and both  
20 PSS and QoL scores. This is a very polemic issue in the academic area, which refers  
21 to policies that place a high premium on the number of manuscripts published.<sup>34</sup> Our  
22 findings suggest that this aspect did not affect the QoL of this population. Possibly the  
23 biggest problem is not related to the number of publications, but the pressure and the  
24 difficulties to publish. Liu et al. (2019)<sup>26</sup> found that the difficulties in publishing a doctoral  
25 qualification paper had a significant effect on anxiety and depression among doctoral  
26 students in a medical university. Thus, it is reasonable to assume that the thesis, as  
27 the main work conducted on a Ph.D., generates the greatest concerns. Additionally,  
28 Hollmann et al. (2015)<sup>35</sup> observed that the workload was the most commonly cited  
29 barrier to publication masters theses in public health.

30 Our findings showed some similarities and also divergences comparing to  
31 results from researches with dental undergraduate population. Gender was also a  
32 predictor of stress,<sup>8</sup> where women showed highest stress level. Coping strategies such

1 as "watching television, reading, sleeping and shopping" were associated with stress  
2 reduction,<sup>8</sup> which may be included within leisure activities as observed in this present  
3 study. Regarding QoL, our results corroborate with Andre et al., (2017)<sup>20</sup> that observed  
4 highest mean score for Physical Health domain in an American undergraduate  
5 population, while the Psychological domain had the lowest. However, in the present  
6 study, scores of all domains of QoL had lower values comparing to this this American  
7 study,<sup>20</sup> and higher comparing to a Saudi Arabia research.<sup>36</sup> Therefore, because  
8 quality of life concerns several aspects of individuals' life, is hard to affirm how much  
9 this variation is due to the different activities between graduate and undergraduate  
10 students.

11 Some limitations of this study should be mentioned. First, we performed a cross-  
12 sectional study and, therefore, we cannot attribute a causal effect of the studied  
13 variables on QoL outcomes neither assess its variability along time. Second, the PSS  
14 scale suggests that the best predictions occur within a period of one or two months, so  
15 we could only consider perceived stress that occurred during that extent of time. Third,  
16 we did not collect specific variables about the daily routine of dentistry master and  
17 doctoral students, which could provide more accurate information regarding the causes  
18 of stress and its impact on QoL. Finally, there could be a selection bias regarding data  
19 collection since respondents who were more stressed might have not answered the  
20 questionnaire.

## 22 **CONCLUSION**

23 In conclusion, this study identified important predictors of master and doctoral  
24 students' perceived stress and QoL. Gender and medication intake due to study are  
25 predictors of higher stress. The perceived stress and medication intake due to study  
26 are important predictors of lower QoL among dental master and doctoral students,  
27 especially in the psychological, physical and social domains. On the other hand, more  
28 hours of sleep, leisure time, and physical activity improved both QoL and perceived  
29 stress, thus, might be feasible coping strategies for these outcomes in this population.  
30 These findings indicate potential areas in which health and education policies may  
31 create strategies to enhance well-being of master and doctoral students and prevent  
32 metal illness.

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## Perceived stress and quality of life among graduate dental faculty

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### Abstract

**Objective:** This study aimed to identify the predictors of perceived stress and quality of life (QoL) among graduate dental faculty.

**Methods:** This cross-sectional study was conducted using a representative sample of 348 dental faculty members from master's and doctoral programs in Brazil. Data were collected using self-administered questionnaires between August and December 2018. QoL was assessed using the multidimensional World Health Organization Quality of Life assessment (WHOQOL-BREF). Perceived stress was assessed using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). Participant sociodemographic characteristics served as the independent variables. The data were subjected to linear regression analysis.

**Results:** Women obtained higher PSS scores and lower QoL scores ( $P < 0.05$ ). There was a negative correlation between perceived stress and all 4 QoL domains. Multivariate analysis revealed that a combination of the independent variables (i.e., sex, age, sleep duration, dual employment, medication intake due to work, and leisure time) explained 32% of the variance in perceived stress. Regarding QoL, perceived stress, sleep duration, and medication intake due to work explained 50%, 58%, 27%, and 40% of the variance in the physical health, psychological, social relationships, and environment domain scores, respectively. Sex (i.e., female) and medication intake due to work predicted higher levels of perceived stress. In contrast, age, sleep duration, dual employment, and leisure time were associated with lower levels of perceived stress.

**Conclusion:** Perceived stress and medication intake due to work had a negative effect on QoL, whereas sleep duration had a positive impact on QoL.

### KEYWORDS

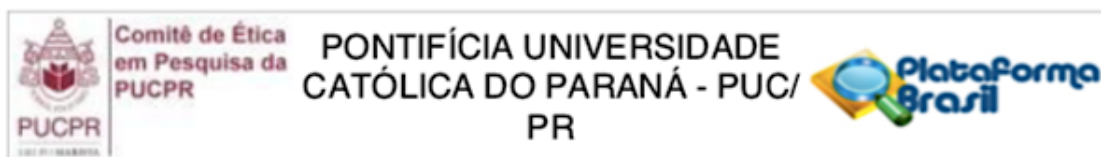
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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

Given the current dynamics of markets in different fields, which are characterized by high levels of organizational competitiveness, human resources are regarded as

contributors to quality and competitive advantages in relation to organizational activities.<sup>1</sup> University faculty members have several responsibilities (e.g., conducting scientific research, writing papers, and teaching), because of which they shoulder an increasingly heavy

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A discussão sobre a saúde de indivíduos que estão envolvidos no sistema de pós-graduação strictu sensu no Brasil é urgente e extremamente necessário. Principalmente na área da Odontologia, muito tem crescido o número de pesquisas, pesquisadores e investimentos. Porém, este crescimento impõe elevada pressão visando a melhor qualificação dos programas, com a constante necessidade de aumento no volume de produção bibliográfica por professores e estudantes. Esta realidade é preocupante já que estes sujeitos estão vulneráveis ao adocimento mental por consequência do stress, o que pode afetar sua qualidade de vida. Devido a falta de pesquisas que contemplem esta temática, o objetivo do presente projeto é estudar a qualidade de vida e nível de estresse em docentes e discentes de pós-graduações Strictu sensu em Odontologia no Brasil.

#### Objetivo da Pesquisa:

**Objetivo Primário:** O presente projeto tem por objetivo estudar a qualidade de vida e nível de estresse em docentes e discentes de pós-graduações Strictu sensu em Odontologia no Brasil.

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Odontologia no Brasil.- Associar o nível de stress com características sócio demográficas de docentes e discentes de cursos strictu sensu em Odontologia no Brasil.

**Avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios:**

Riscos:

Os riscos oferecidos são mínimos, porém é possível que aconteçam desconfortos psicológicos devido a necessidade de responder perguntas de caráter pessoal ou relativas à especificidades de gêneros e raças. Para minimizar tais riscos, nós pesquisadores enviamos questionário que poder ser respondido em local privativo. Também esclarecemos que a pesquisa está isenta de quaisquer intenções discriminatórias, nem conceitos filosóficos eugênicos (pureza racial).

Benefícios:

A pesquisa a se realizar, não oferece benefícios diretos aos seus participantes, trata-se de participação voluntária.

**Comentários e Considerações sobre a Pesquisa:**

Pesquisa se encontra de acordo com os critérios e normas éticas em pesquisa.

**Considerações sobre os Termos de apresentação obrigatória:**

Suficientes e satisfatórios

**Recomendações:**

Não há

**Conclusões ou Pendências e Lista de Inadequações:**

Não há

**Considerações Finais a critério do CEP:**

Aprovado.

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# 1 **Termo de consentimento livre esclarecido – TCLE**

## 2 3 **TERMO DE CONSENTIMENTO LIVRE E ESCLARECIDO**

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5 Você está sendo convidado(a) como voluntário(a) a participar do estudo **Qualidade de vida, nível de stress e**  
6 **fatores associados: estudo envolvendo docentes e discentes de pós-graduações stricto sensu em odontologia**  
7 **no Brasil** e que tem como objetivo estudar a qualidade de vida e nível de estresse em professores e estudantes de  
8 cursos de mestrado e doutorado de Odontologia no Brasil. Acreditamos que esta pesquisa seja importante porque  
9 pode levantar discussões e criar subsídios para que sejam planejadas estratégias visando melhorar as condições de  
10 trabalho nesta área.

## 11 12 **PARTICIPAÇÃO NO ESTUDO**

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14 A sua participação no referido estudo será de responder algumas perguntas através de um questionário no  
15 computador e que pode levar entre 5 a 10 minutos para ser respondido.

## 16 17 **RISCOS E BENEFÍCIOS**

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19 Através deste Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido você está sendo alertado de que, a pesquisa a se  
20 realizar, não oferece benefícios diretos aos seus participantes, trata-se de uma participação voluntária. Os riscos  
21 oferecidos são mínimos, porém é possível que aconteçam desconfortos psicológicos devido a necessidade de  
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23 nós pesquisadores enviamos questionário que pode ser respondido em local privativo. Também esclarecemos que  
24 a pesquisa está isenta de quaisquer intenções discriminatórias, nem conceitos filosóficos eugênicos (pureza racial).

## 25 26 **SIGILO E PRIVACIDADE**

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28 Não há necessidade de se identificar com o nome. Nós pesquisadores garantiremos a você que sua privacidade  
29 será respeitada, qualquer dado ou elemento que possa, de qualquer forma, lhe identificar, será mantido em sigilo.  
30 Nós pesquisadores nos responsabilizaremos pela guarda e confidencialidade dos dados, bem como a não exposição  
31 dos dados de pesquisa.

## 32 33 **AUTONOMIA**

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35 Nós lhe asseguramos a assistência durante toda pesquisa, bem como garantiremos seu livre acesso a todas as  
36 informações e esclarecimentos adicionais sobre o estudo e suas consequências, enfim, tudo o que você queira saber  
37 antes, durante e depois de sua participação. Também informamos que você pode se recusar a participar do estudo,  
38 ou retirar seu consentimento a qualquer momento, sem precisar justificar, e de, por desejar sair da pesquisa, não  
39 sofrerá qualquer prejuízo à assistência que vem recebendo.

## 40 41 **RESSARCIMENTO E INDENIZAÇÃO**

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43 No entanto, caso tenha qualquer despesa decorrente da participação nesta pesquisa, tais como transporte,  
44 alimentação entre outros, bem como a meu acompanhante (se for o caso), haverá ressarcimento dos valores gastos  
45 na forma seguinte: mediante depósito em conta corrente.  
46 De igual maneira, caso ocorra algum dano decorrente de sua participação no estudo, você será devidamente  
47 indenizado, conforme determina a lei.

## 48 49 50 **CONTATO**

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52 Os pesquisadores envolvidos com o referido projeto são Thiago Martins Meira e Orlando Tanaka e com eles você  
53 poderá manter contato pelo telefone: (77) 99110-2000.

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55 O Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa em Seres Humanos (CEP) é composto por um grupo de pessoas que estão  
56 trabalhando para garantir que seus direitos como participante de pesquisa sejam respeitados. Ele tem a obrigação  
57 de avaliar se a pesquisa foi planejada e se está sendo executada de forma ética. Se você achar que a pesquisa não

1 está sendo realizada da forma como você imaginou ou que está sendo prejudicado de alguma forma, você pode  
2 entrar em contato com o Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa da PUCPR (CEP) pelo telefone (41) 3271-2292 entre  
3 segunda e sexta-feira das 08h00 às 17h30 ou pelo e-mail [nep@pucpr.br](mailto:nep@pucpr.br).

#### 6 **DECLARAÇÃO**

8 Declaro que li e entendi todas as informações presentes neste Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido e tive  
9 a oportunidade de discutir as informações deste termo. Todas as minhas perguntas foram respondidas e eu estou  
10 satisfeito com as respostas. Entendo que receberei uma via assinada e datada deste documento e que outra via  
11 assinada e datada será arquivada nos pelo pesquisador responsável do estudo.

13 Enfim, tendo sido orientado quanto ao teor de todo o aqui mencionado e compreendido a natureza e o objetivo do  
14 já referido estudo, manifesto meu livre consentimento em participar, estando totalmente ciente de que não há  
15 nenhum valor econômico, a receber ou a pagar, por minha participação.

Dados do participante da pesquisa	
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Telefone:	
e-mail:	

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19 Local, \_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_.

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Assinatura do participante da pesquisa

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Assinatura do Pesquisador

1 **Escala de estresse percebido**

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**ESCALA DE ESTRESSE PERCEBIDO**

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5 Itens e instruções para aplicação

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7 As questões nesta escala perguntam sobre seus sentimentos e pensamentos durante  
8 o último mês. Em cada caso, será pedido para você indicar o quão frequentemente  
9 você tem se sentido de uma determinada maneira. Embora algumas das perguntas  
10 sejam similares, há diferenças entre elas e você deve analisar cada uma como uma  
11 pergunta separada. A melhor abordagem é responder a cada pergunta razoavelmente  
12 rápido. Isto é, não tente contar o número de vezes que você se sentiu de uma maneira  
13 particular, mas indique a alternativa que lhe pareça como uma estimativa razoável.  
14 Para cada pergunta, escolha as seguintes alternativas:

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16 0= nunca

17 1= quase nunca

18 2= às vezes

19 3= quase sempre

20 4= sempre

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22 Neste último mês, com que frequência...

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24 1- Você tem ficado triste por causa de algo que aconteceu inesperadamente?

25 2- Você tem se sentido incapaz de controlar as coisas importantes em sua vida?

26 3- Você tem se sentido nervoso e “estressado”?

27 4- Você tem tratado com sucesso dos problemas difíceis da vida?

28 5- Você tem sentido que está lidando bem as mudanças importantes que estão  
29 ocorrendo em sua vida?

30 6- Você tem se sentido confiante na sua habilidade de resolver problemas  
31 pessoais?

32 7- Você tem sentido que as coisas estão acontecendo de acordo com a sua  
33 vontade?

34 8- Você tem achado que não conseguiria lidar com todas as coisas que você tem  
35 que fazer?

36 9- Você tem conseguido controlar as irritações em sua vida?

37 10- Você tem sentido que as coisas estão sob o seu controle?

38 11- Você tem ficado irritado porque as coisas que acontecem estão fora do seu  
39 controle?

40 12- Você tem se encontrado pensando sobre as coisas que deve fazer?

41 13- Você tem conseguido controlar a maneira como gasta seu tempo?

42 14- Você tem sentido que as dificuldades se acumulam a ponto de você acreditar  
43 que não pode superá-las?

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# Instrumento de Avaliação de Qualidade de Vida

## The World Health Organization Quality of Life – WHOQOL-bref

### Instruções

Este questionário é sobre como você se sente a respeito de sua qualidade de vida, saúde e outras áreas de sua vida. Por favor responda a todas as questões. Se você não tem certeza sobre que resposta dar em uma questão, por favor, escolha entre as alternativas a que lhe parece mais apropriada. Esta, muitas vezes, poderá ser sua primeira escolha. Por favor, tenha em mente seus valores, aspirações, prazeres e preocupações. Nós estamos perguntando o que você acha de sua vida, tomando como referência as duas últimas semanas. Por exemplo, pensando nas últimas duas semanas, uma questão poderia ser:

	nada	Muito pouco	médio	muito	completamente
Você recebe dos outros o apoio de que necessita?	1	2	3	4	5

Você deve circular o número que melhor corresponde ao quanto você recebe dos outros o apoio de que necessita nestas últimas duas semanas. Portanto, você deve circular o número 4 se você recebeu "muito" apoio como abaixo.

	nada	Muito pouco	médio	muito	completamente
Você recebe dos outros o apoio de que necessita?	1	2	3	4	5

Você deve circular o número 1 se você não recebeu "nada" de apoio. Por favor, leia cada questão, veja o que você acha e circule no número e lhe parece a melhor resposta.

		muito ruim	Ruim	nem ruim nem boa	boa	muito boa
1	Como você avaliaria sua qualidade de vida?	1	2	3	4	5
		muito insatisfeito	Insatisfeito	nem satisfeito nem insatisfeito	satisfeito	muito satisfeito

2	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com a sua saúde?	1	2	3	4	5
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4 As questões seguintes são sobre **o quanto** você tem sentido algumas coisas nas

5 últimas duas semanas.

		nada	muito pouco	mais ou menos	bastante	extremamente
3	Em que medida você acha que sua dor (física) impede você de fazer o que você precisa?	1	2	3	4	5
4	O quanto você precisa de algum tratamento médico para levar sua vida diária?	1	2	3	4	5
5	O quanto você aproveita a vida?	1	2	3	4	5
6	Em que medida você acha que a sua vida tem sentido?	1	2	3	4	5
7	O quanto você consegue se concentrar?	1	2	3	4	5
8	Quão seguro(a) você se sente em sua vida diária?	1	2	3	4	5
9	Quão saudável é o seu ambiente físico (clima, barulho, poluição, atrativos)?	1	2	3	4	5

6 As questões seguintes perguntam sobre **quão completamente** você tem sentido ou

7 é capaz de fazer certas coisas nestas últimas duas semanas.

		nada	muito pouco	médio	muito	completamente
10	Você tem energia suficiente para seu dia a-dia?	1	2	3	4	5
11	Você é capaz de aceitar sua aparência física?	1	2	3	4	5
12	Você tem dinheiro suficiente para satisfazer suas necessidades?	1	2	3	4	5

13	Quão disponíveis para você estão as informações que precisa no seu dia-a-dia?	1	2	3	4	5
14	Em que medida você tem oportunidades de atividade de lazer?	1	2	3	4	5

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2 As questões seguintes perguntam sobre **quão bem ou satisfeito** você se sentiu a  
 3 respeito de vários aspectos de sua vida nas últimas duas semanas.

		muito ruim	ruim	nem ruim nem bom	bom	muito bom
15	Quão bem você é capaz de se locomover?	1	2	3	4	5
		muito insatisfeito	Insatisfeito	nem satisfeito nem insatisfeito	satisfeito	Muito satisfeito
16	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com o seu sono?	1	2	3	4	5
17	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com sua capacidade de desempenhar as atividades do seu dia-a-dia?	1	2	3	4	5
18	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com sua capacidade para o trabalho?	1	2	3	4	5
19	Quão satisfeito(a) você está consigo mesmo?	1	2	3	4	5
20	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com suas relações pessoais (amigos, parentes,	1	2	3	4	5

	conhecidos, colegas)?					
21	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com sua vida sexual?	1	2	3	4	5
22	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com o apoio que você recebe de seus amigos?	1	2	3	4	5
23	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com as condições do local onde mora?	1	2	3	4	5
24	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com o seu acesso aos serviços de saúde?	1	2	3	4	5
25	Quão satisfeito(a) você está com o seu meio de transporte?	1	2	3	4	5

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- 2 As questões seguintes referem-se a **com que frequência** você sentiu ou  
 3 experimentou certas coisas nas últimas duas semanas.

		nunca	Algumas vezes	frequentemente	muito frequentemente	sempre
26	Com que frequência você tem sentimentos negativos tais como mau humor, desespero, ansiedade, depressão?	1	2	3	4	5

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1 **Questionário sócio-demográfico para docentes**

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3 **QUESTIONÁRIO SÓCIO-DEMOGRÁFICO PARA DOCENTES DOS PROGRAMAS**  
4 **STRICTO SENSU**

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6 1 Gênero.

7 1 Masculino

8 2 Feminino

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10 2 Idade

11 Pergunta aberta

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13 3 Estado civil

14 1 Solteiro

15 2 Casado

16 3 Divorciado

17 4 Viúvo

18  
19 4 Quantos filhos

20 Pergunta aberta

21  
22 5 Raça.

23 1 Negro

24 2 Branco

25 3 Pardo

26 4 Índio

27 5 Amarelo

28 6 Prefiro não declarar

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30 6 Nível de formação acadêmica.

31 1 Mestre

32 2 Doutor a menos de 5 anos

33 3 Doutor há mais de 5 anos

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35 7 Tempo de trabalho (em anos) como docente de pós-graduação stricto sensu?

36 Pergunta aberta

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38 8 Carga horária semanal de trabalho (em horas) na **pós-graduação**?

39 Pergunta aberta

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41 9 Carga horária na **graduação** (em horas)?

42 Pergunta aberta

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44 10 Exerce algum cargo de gestão no momento?

45 1 Sim

46 2 Não

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48 11 Tipo de vínculo possui na instituição de ensino na qual trabalha?

- 1 1 Professor colaborador  
2 2 Professor permanente  
3 3 Professor visitante  
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5 12 Trabalha em mais de uma instituição de ensino?  
6 1 Sim  
7 2 Não  
8  
9 13 Em qual estado do Brasil o programa que você atua se situa?  
10 Disponível a opção de todos os estados  
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12 14 Qual (is) nível (is) de ensino o programa contempla?  
13 1 Apenas mestrado  
14 2 Apenas doutorado  
15 3 Mestrado e doutorado  
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17 15 O programa é público ou privado?  
18 1 Público  
19 2 Privado  
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21 16 Qual a nota da avaliação da Capes para o programa no último quadriênio?  
22 1 – Nota 3  
23 2 – Nota 4  
24 3 – Nota 5  
25 4 – Nota 6  
26 5 – Nota 7  
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28 17 A qual a área de conhecimento pertence seu programa?  
29 1 Odontologia (Clínica odontológica)  
30 2 Odontologia (Periodontia)  
31 3 Odontologia (Dentística)  
32 4 Odontologia (Patologia bucal)  
33 5 Odontologia (Estomatologia)  
34 3 Odontologia social e preventiva  
35 4 Ortodontia  
36 5 Odontopediatria  
37 6 Cirurgia buco-maxilo-facial  
38 7 Materiais odontológicos  
39 8 Radiologia odontológica  
40 9 Endodontia  
41 10 Outros \_\_\_\_\_  
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43 18 Qual o total da sua produção em Artigos completos Publicados em Periódicos  
44 durante toda sua formação acadêmica?  
45 Pergunta aberta  
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47 19 Quantas publicações de Artigos Completos Publicados em Periódicos você  
48 produziu nos últimos 12 meses?

- 1 Pergunta aberta  
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3 20 Já realizou algum tipo de tratamento (medicamentoso, terapêutico, etc) devido  
4 a problemas relacionados ao trabalho?  
5 1 Sim  
6 2 Não  
7 3 Não me lembro  
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9 21 Quantas horas de sono por noite?  
10 Pergunta aberta  
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12 22 Costuma dedicar regularmente tempo para lazer?  
13 1 Sim  
14 2 Não  
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16 23 Pratica atividade física regularmente?  
17 1 Sim  
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1 **Questionário sócio-demográfico para estudante**

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3 **QUESTIONÁRIO SÓCIO-DEMOGRÁFICO PARA DISCENTES DOS PROGRAMAS**  
4 ***STRICTO SENSU***

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28 6 Prefiro não declarar

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30 6 Nível de formação acadêmica?

31 1 Cursando mestrado

32 2 Cursando doutorado

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34 7 Recebe algum tipo de incentivo financeiro para estudo?

35 1 Sim, bolsa de estudos parcial (não paga mensalidade)

36 2 Sim, bolsa de estudos integral (não paga mensalidade e adicionalmente  
37 recebe quantia em dinheiro)

38 3 Não

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40 8 Trabalha concomitantemente ao estudo?

41 1 Sim

42 2 Não

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44 9 Trabalha em mais de uma instituição de ensino?

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# 1 Normas para publicação – European Journal of Dental Education

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