



Orofacial function of persons having Anonymous Report from questionnaires

The survey comprises 27 Questionnaires.

Estimated occurrence: Unknown, but a rough estimate is 3 per 10,000 children and adolescents.

Aetiology: Unknown by definition.

General symptoms: The term "Anonymous" was introduced by Professor Bengt Hagberg, and is used in cases of severe brain disease when no diagnosis can be established even after extensive investigation. Anonymous can be divided into two main groups: degenerative brain diseases and non-degenerative (stationary) congenital, severe disturbance in brain development. Varying degrees of mental retardation, impaired motor function and visual impairment are common, as is epilepsy.

Orofacial/odontological symptoms: Impaired oral motor skills are frequent, and may give rise to sucking, eating and speech difficulties, malocclusion and drooling. Daytime tooth grinding is reported relatively often. The most common malocclusions are open bite and overjet. The risks of both gingivitis and caries are increased.

Orofacial/odontological treatment:

- Problems in managing oral hygiene and tooth brushing, and eating difficulties justify extra preventive dental care.
- Eating and swallowing problems will need to be investigated and treated by hospital specialist teams (either a nutrition team or a dysphagia team, or by other multidisciplinary treatment specialists.)
- Training in oral motor skills and extra stimulation may be necessary in cases of eating difficulties, speech difficulties and drooling.
- Learning alternative and augmentative ways to communicate is often important.
- Tooth grinding should be followed up, and be managed with a splint when necessary.
- An orthodontist should be consulted when the child is between the ages of 7 and 9 in order to determine whether there are any dental or bite anomalies and whether corrective treatment is necessary.

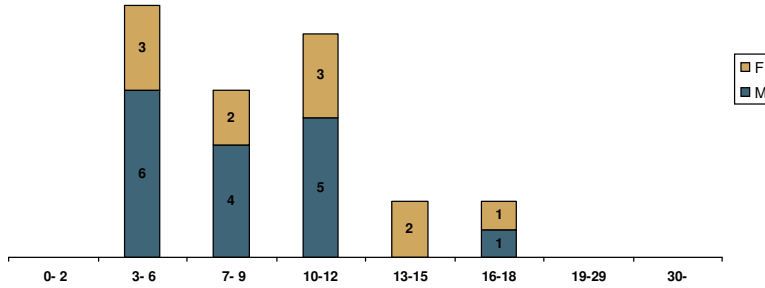
Sources:

The rare diseases database of the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare.

The MHC database – The database of Mun-H-Center on orofacial manifestations associated with rare diseases.

The newsletter of the Ågrenska Center.

Age distribution

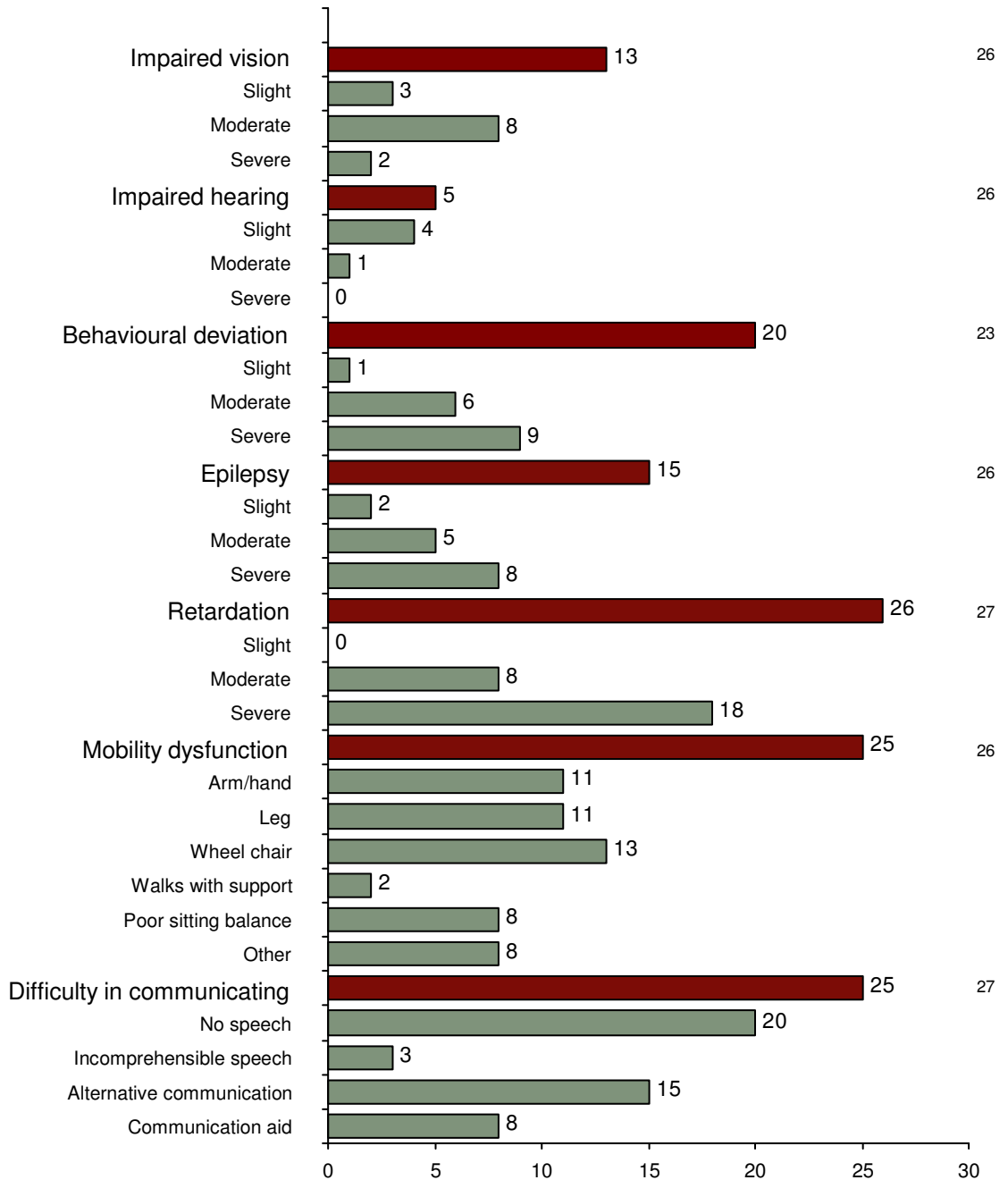


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Ages: 3 -- 17 years

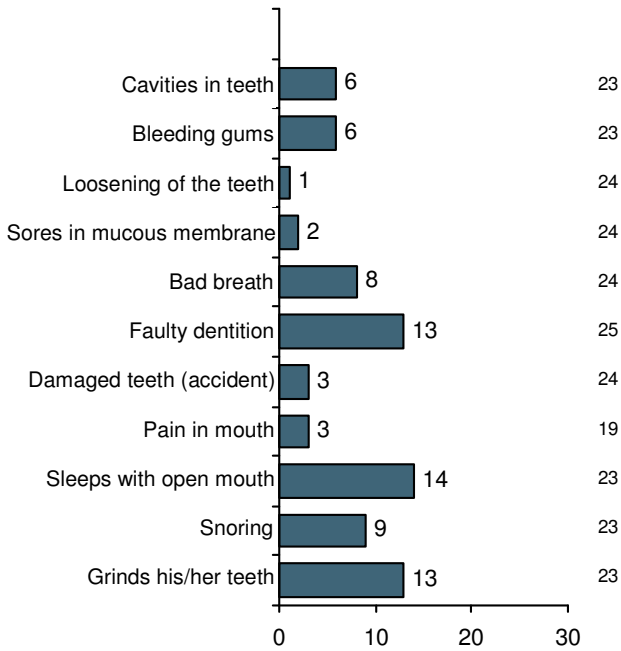
Sex: M (16) + F (11)

General disabilities

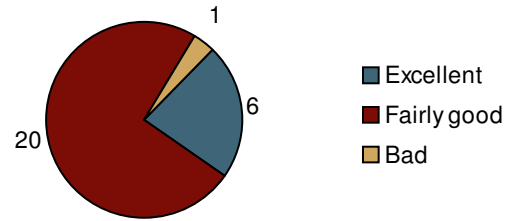


About dental health

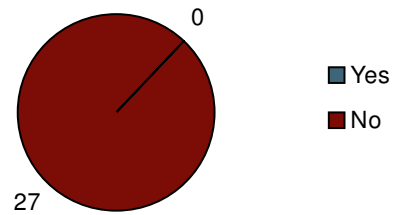
About dental health - problems



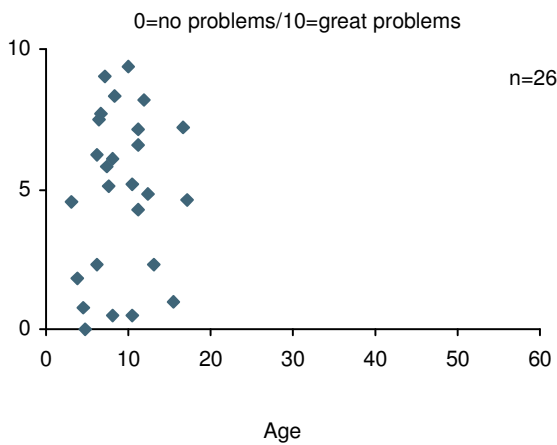
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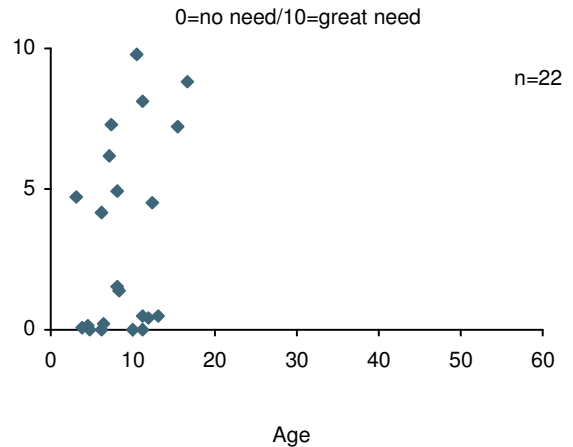
Has NN received orthodontic treatment?



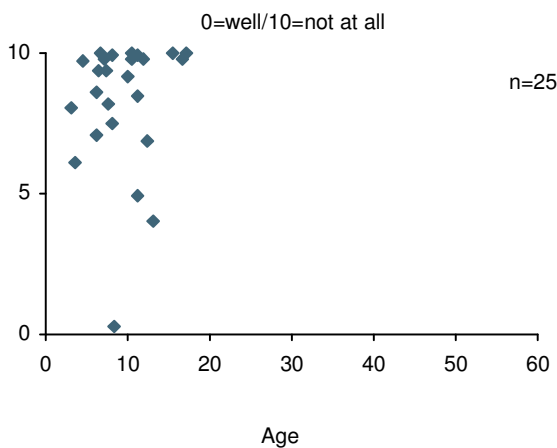
How does NN experience the dental care received?



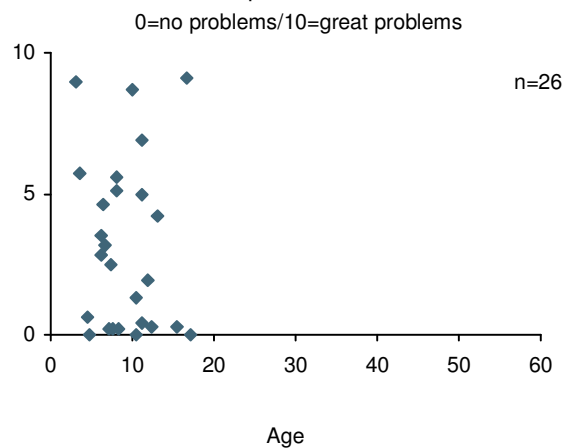
NN is considered to be in need of orthodontic treatment



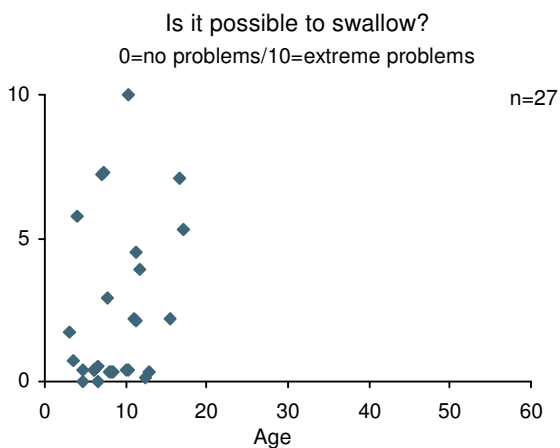
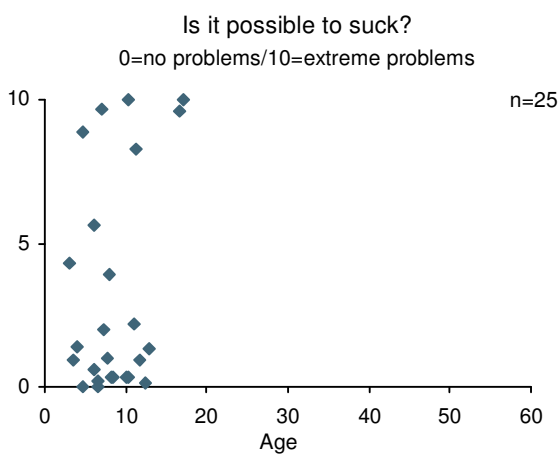
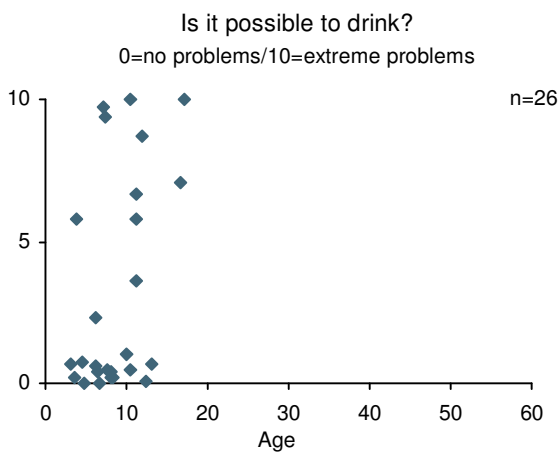
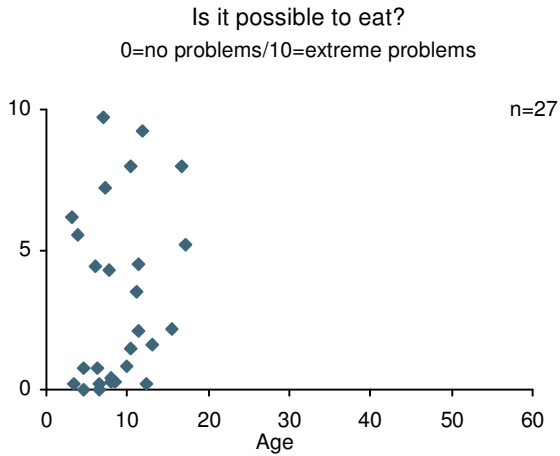
How does NN manage to brush his/her teeth?



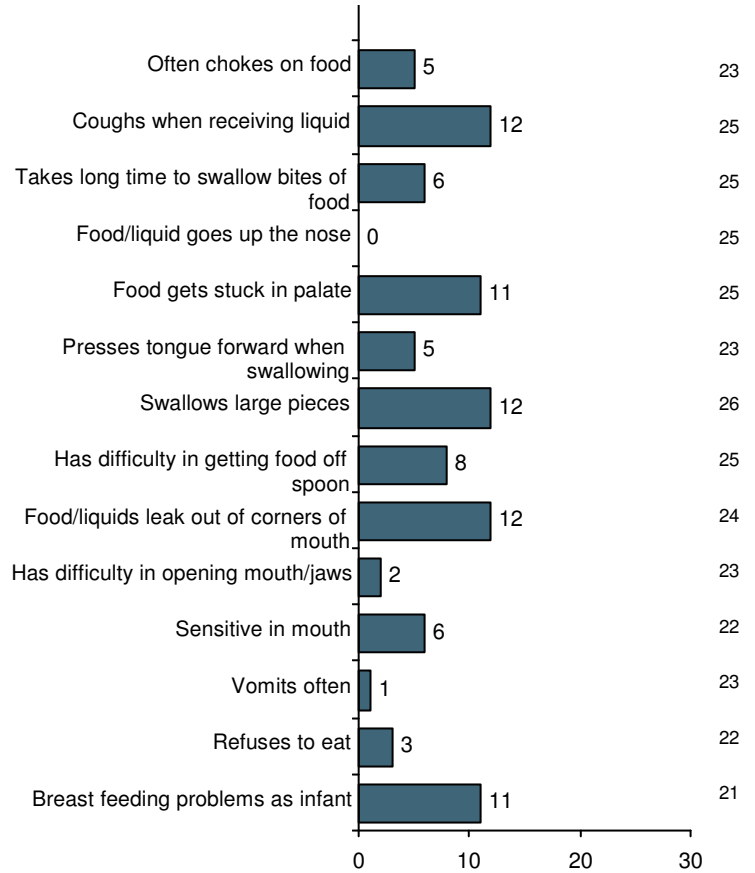
If help is needed with brushing teeth, how does it proceed?



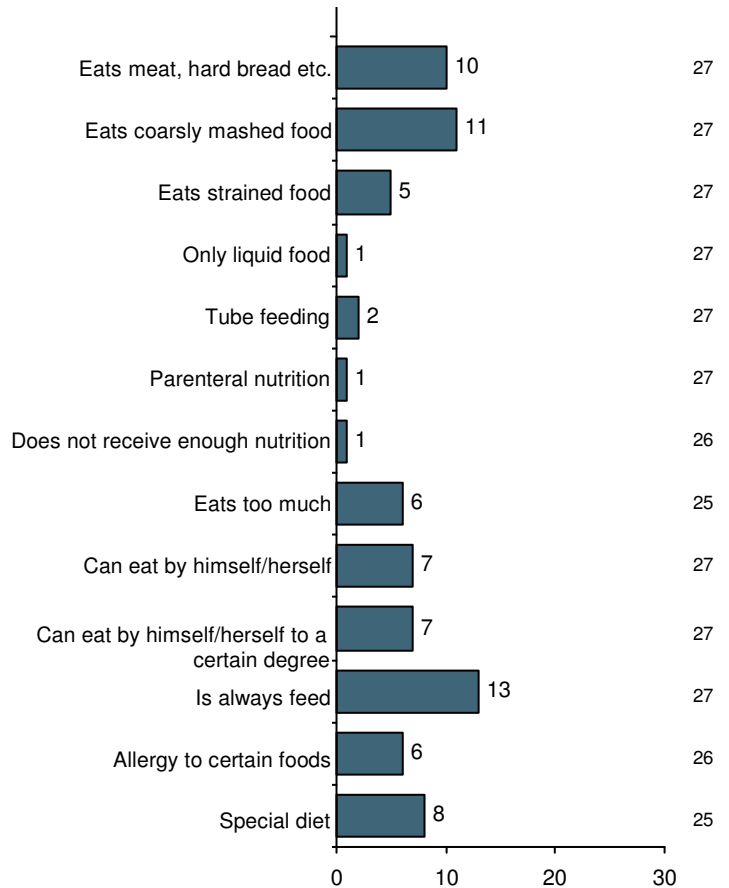
About eating habits



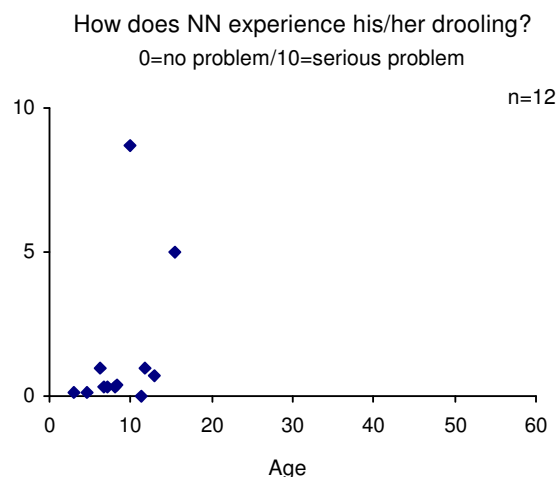
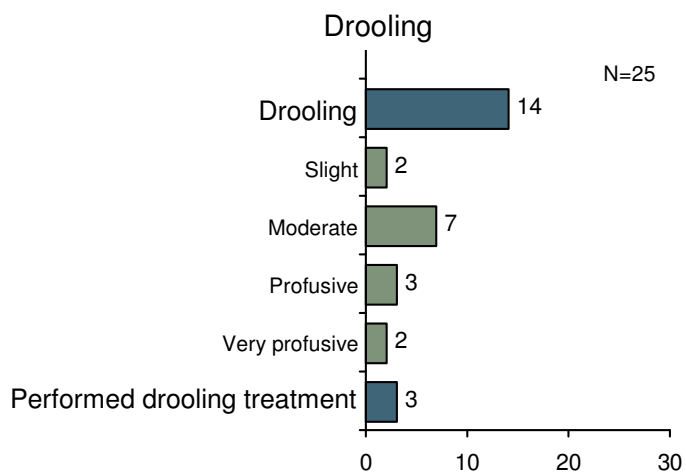
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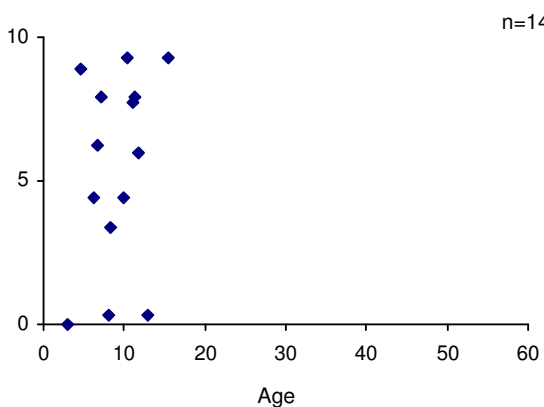
Food habits



About drooling



How does parent/attendant experience the drooling?
0=no problem/10=serious problem n=14



How do people around NN experience the drooling?
0=no problem/10=serious problem n=14

