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## Self-esteem and self-image in group children from 6 to 11 year old with dental alterations

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The goal of the preliminary study was to establish the different presence of indicators of self-esteem in a group of children from 6 to 9 years of age with alterations dentobucales, who attends inquiry of Paediatric Dentistry of a public hospital from Venezuela. A simple cross-sectional descriptive design was used and applied the Human Figure Drawing projective test, Koppitz method for children. The results show that in general the Group has negative emotions as perceived dissatisfied with their body image which probably would indicate that children have difficulties

in forming their values and components in relating to the self-esteem of an improperly way, which prevents these are durable in the vital development and help to strengthen it. Finally, at a scientific level, the existing evidence, despite the little, is enough to continue investigating the subject for two fundamental reasons: the first, contributes to improving the self-image in the intermediate childhood when a dentooral alteration intervenes. And the second, prevents mental health problems, specifically, anxiety in adolescence.

## **Biography**

Tortolero M.B has completed her PhD from the Lisandro Alvarado University Center, Venezuela. Her doctoral thesis was on discriminative learning in humans at the University of Malaga, Spain. She was the Director of the Department of Behavioral Sciences of the University "Centroccidental Lisandro Alvarado, Venezuela 1999-2016." She has published more than 20 articles in renowned journals and two books on medical and general psychology, and a third in the process of publication.

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