potentials factors related to tooth loss and loss of periodontal attachment.

**Methods** Cross-sectional study in 501 adults between 35 and 59 years, living in five different areas covered by the Community Health Agents Program/Family Health Strategy (CHAP/FHS), from July to October 2008. The oral health status information was obtained using indexes and criteria according Examiner’s Manual SB Brazil project (2001). Descriptive and exploratory analyses were carried out and the differences in scores were tested by Pearson’s χ².

**Results** Near 50.0% of adults had tooth loss (<20 functional teeth present) and 17.7% had loss of periodontal attachment ≥6 mm. Female had a greater tooth loss (53.0%) and male had larger loss of periodontal attachment ≥6 mm (32.2%). The adults with more than 45 years presented bigger tooth loss (67.2%) as much as periodontal attachment ≥6 mm (24.3%). Among the factors associated with tooth loss, can be pointed out no monthly individual income, low educational level and attending dentist when there is need (p<0.001), while only low educational level was associated with loss of periodontal attachment ≥6 mm (p<0.001).

**Conclusions** The oral health status of adults was poor, which makes it one of the priorities of the primary care. Low socioeconomic status is commonly related to this condition, suggesting that improving the socioeconomic determinants reflect improvements in oral health.

**Introduction** The objective of this study was to assess the impact of oral health-related quality of life (OHRQoL) in adults and to investigate the relationship between OHRQoL indicator and specific clinical dental measures.

**Methods** Cross-sectional survey was carried out of 501 adults between 35 and 59 years, living in five different areas covered by the Community Health Agents Program/Family Health Strategy (CHAP/FHS) in Salvador—Bahia, Brazil. Data were collected from July to October, 2008, through interviews and clinical examination that’s used indexes and criteria according Examiner’s Manual SB Brazil project (2001). OHRQoL was assessed through the General Oral Health Assessment Index (GOHAI). Data analysis used non-parametric tests (Mann–Whitney, Kruskal–Wallis and multiple linear regressions).

**Results** 51.1% of adults had tooth loss (<20 functional teeth present), the GOHAI mean overall score was 29.4 ± 6.4. Concerns about oral health was the most frequently reported problem (64.9%) while concerns about appearance (53.7%) and oral impacts related to pain (53.1%) were experienced by just over than half of participants. Tooth loss remained associated with worse perceptions of OHRQoL (p<0.05) even after adjusted for age, gender, economic status, and loss of periodontal attachment.

**Conclusions** Poor oral health status increased the perceived impact of OHRQoL. Policies of reduction of oral health inequalities can be successful strategies to improve the quality of life of adults.

**Introduction** The objective of this study was to assess the prevalence of impacts of oral health status on quality of life among adults, Brazil.

**Methods** A cross-sectional survey was carried out of 501 adults between 35 and 59 years, living in five different areas covered by the Community Health Agents Program/Family Health Strategy (CHAP/FHS) in Salvador—Bahia, Brazil. Data were collected from July to October, 2008, through interviews and clinical examination that’s used indexes and criteria according Examiner’s Manual SB Brazil project (2001). Data on the impact of oral health on the quality of daily living based upon the Oral Impacts on Daily Performance (OIDP) indicator. Exploratory analyses were tested by Pearson’s χ².

**Results** OIDP mean score was 12.1 ± 6.3 and 59.7% reported that their mouth affected their pattern of daily living. Oral impacts levels were lowest in subjects with the less loss of periodontal attachment. The most common oral impacts were on eating (20.6%) followed by the ones related to aesthetics (smiling – 16.4%). Approximately 15% of the adults had oral impacts on cleaning teeth and relaxing. Oral impacts were more prevalent among the female (19.5%).

**Conclusions** This survey has shown that the oral status of adults fairly frequently affects their quality of life, and in particular, the ability to eat. Assess the oral health-related Quality of life promotes a more complex understanding of oral health, adds a subjective perspective to clinical interventions that’s provide measures to improve the quality of life of patients.