

Fellowship Examination Dental Public Health: Sample Viva Voce

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Case Scenario

You have just noticed an article in the national dental journal on smoking in young adults. The article compares smoking to dental visits. The odds ratio for the likelihood of non-smokers being regular dental attenders has a confidence interval of (1.5 to 3.2).

1. What does this mean?
2. Would you be fairly confident in saying that young adults who don't smoke are more likely to be regular dental visitors?
3. How does this compare to the survey results you just analyzed?
4. What might you advise the dental associations about setting up in-office smoking education programs?