

The Importance of Oral Health in Mass Gathering

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Mass gathering is an events attended by a sufficient number more than 1,000 people assembled at a particular location for a specific purpose and for a defined period of time. Most of the published literature reports larger events accounting for more than 25,000 participants. [1,2]

In Iraq every year we have more than five huge mass gathering events ranging between 1,000,000 to 25 ,000.000 participants for visiting the holy shrines in different cities in Iraq. Each event may take than one week. Fig 1-2. This may be leading to communicable oral & systemic health and environmental problems. [3,4]



Figure 1: Peoples in mass gathering for visiting Imam Hussain Shrine in Karbala 2016



Figure 2: Peoples in mass gathering for visiting imam Ali Shrine in Najaf

During the mass gathering time, most of the peoples are not caring on the oral health. This may be leading to local and systemic communicable problem, thus we used leaflets and poster to give instruction to the peoples who were involved in the mass gathering, regarding the importance of oral health to the general health, and the possible dangerous complications may arise in negligence of the oral health. Fig 3 ,4. A hundred of literatures supported this complications. [5,6,7,8]



Figure 3: Posters distributed in different languages about the importance of oral health in the individual life



Figure 4: Larg posters distributed in public place about the importance of oral health

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