

# Experiencias de pacientes with craniofacial pain treated with acupuncture at the School of Dentistry Udelar (FOUDELAR)

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## Resume

It is considered an important contribution to the issue to do a qualitative analysis, to inquire about the perceptions of patients with craniofacial pain treated with ACUPUNCTURE at FOUDELAR, to know what they have been through before and after accepting the therapy, and what they feel and think emphasizing subjectivity, how experiences were lived by them

**Objetives.** To know the subjective meaning about acupuncture therapy as an alternative treatment, for the patient with craniofacial pain.

**Methods.** Qualitative cross-sectional and exploratory research Two techniques were used to collect the data; three focus groups and 4 interviews with a short script with guiding questions in both techniques were made. Seven videos were performed. All audiovisual material was stripped, texts were transcribed and confronted with the recorded image. Segmentation and filing of statements were performed. The analysis of data was based on the Glaser and Strauss Grounded Theory process, so articulating analysis and comparison. It was codified and then categories and subcategories emerged to explain the experiences.

**Results.** Codification fragmented, conceptualized and integrated data and could allow interpreting 498 segments. Then 8 categories emerged by axial coding. Finally Selective coding conducted to the core variable, the central category "experiences with craniofacial pain".

**Conclusions.** Concepts discovered, interpreted and ordered, explain that the patient finds in acupuncture: relief, satisfaction, attachment to this alternative therapy as an option that should be incorporated into the therapeutic offer.

**Key words.** Acupuncture, Patient with craniofacial pain.

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