

A successful experience of database employment

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Introduction: Dental School students usually take the biostatistics course for granted. In Brazil, some Schools of Dentistry do not offer Biostatistics as a course in the curriculum, but at the Dental School of Araçatuba, São Paulo State, Brazil, Biostatistics is a three-hour-per-week course. Objective: To motivate the students to learn Biostatistics by using the databases of different dental fields. Methodology: To teach Biostatistics using the databases of different fields of dentistry. After 2 years using dentistry databases, an opinion survey was applied to all professors and students from the 2nd through the last year. After 3 years, an opinion survey was applied to all professors. Result and Discussion: 88.8% of the students and 94.1% of the professors felt that it is very important to learn Biostatistics in a Dental School. In the last two years, the students have been asking for extra-class training positions at the Biostatistics section. Conclusion: This methodology makes learning easier and more interesting.