RE: “ASTHMA AND CARIES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS”

In a recent article on asthma and caries, Alavaikko et al. noted that the association may be explained by a common “environmental determinant predisposing to both asthma and caries” (1, p. 640). One such factor is secondhand exposure to tobacco smoke. The relation of secondhand smoke exposure to clinical asthma is well established. While the connection between passive smoking and caries is not as obvious, it too has been documented (2). Further elucidation of the effect of asthma on caries should include adjustment for tobacco smoke exposure.

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