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- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# VITAMIN D INSUFFICIENCY AS A RECENT PROBLEM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF TYUMEN CITY AND TYUMEN REGION

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#### Abstract.

The present work is dedicated to the study of vitamin D content among residents of Tyumen city and Tyumen region. The study analyzed the correlation between the level of vitamin D in the blood and the gender, age, place of residence and season of seeking medical care. This study was carried out on the basis of multidisciplinary clinic of Tyumen State Medical University (MDC of Tyumen SMU). During the research, 231 medical records were analyzed. It was estimated that 51% of patients (118 people) had insufficient blood content of vitamin D. This condition requires early and adequate treatment, since otherwise the risk of clinical manifestations of hypovitaminosis D increases. Considering the important biochemical role of this vitamin in the body (it is proved that vitamin D is not only involved in the regulation of phosphorus-calcium metabolism; almost all cells have receptors for it) and the increased risk of the consequences in case of hypovitaminosis, the conducted study is a pressing issue of our time.

**Key words.** vitamin D, hypovitaminosis, Tyumen, Tyumen region.

#### Introduction.

The results of numerous studies [1] suggest that vitamin D deficiency is a universal risk factor providing the occurrence of various polyethiological diseases. According to the literature, there is a deficit of this micronutrient worldwide, including the Russian Federation. In this regard, a group of experts of different specialties, representing the leading clinical and scientific research centers, developed the National Program "Vitamin D deficiency among children and adolescents in the Russian Federation: modern approaches to the correction" (2017) based on several major nationwide studies. Creation of the mentioned "National Program" is the first step in solving the global problem of maintaining vitamin D availability in the child population [2-10].

#### Aim.

The aim of the study was to assess the vitamin D level in the blood of patients receiving medical care at the MDC of Tyumen State Medical University depending on their gender, age, place of residence, and season of seeking medical care.

#### Materials and methods.

The retrospective study was carried out on the basis of the MDC of Tyumen State Medical University. As there were no criteria of inclusion and exclusion, 231 medical records (in period from 2017 to 2020) of patients who sought medical care in this health facility to measure the level of vitamin D in the blood or with already measured vitamin D level were selected and analyzed

using random sampling technique. The following parametres were analyzed: age, gender, place of residence, comorbidities, season of seeking medical care and D3 level. Statistical analysis of gender, age, place of residence, comorbidities and season of seeking medical care was performed with Microsoft Excel and the data of vitamin D content were processed using Statistica Version 10.0. The concentration of D3 in the blood was evaluated by a laboratory immunological method for in vitro quantification of D3 level. The enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) with the 25-OH Vitamin D ELISA microplate (Euroimmun, Germany; catalog number: EQ6411-9601) was used. The results were calculated on the basis of a standard calibration curve.

#### Results and Discussion.

The total number of examined patients was 231: 196 women (84,8%) and 35 men (15,2%) (Figure 1).

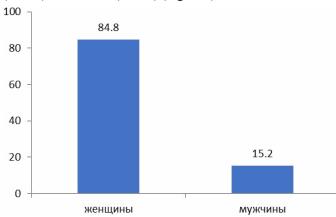


Figure 1. Distribution of patients by sex, % (total number: 231 patients).

As it can be seen from the presented data, females predominated in the study group. We believe that this can be explained by the fact that, firstly, the number of women in the population prevails over males. It has been established that the average life expectancy of women is higher than that of men [11]. Secondly, it has been proven that women take their health issues more seriously than men. According to the literature, men in the Russian Federation, on average, are 2.5 times less likely to seek medical help from specialists, despite the fact that mortality between the ages of 35 and 40 is almost 2 times higher in men than women of the same age group [1].

The whole group of patients, depending on age, was divided into 4 subgroups:

1) from 0 to 12 years (children).

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- 2) from 13 to 20 years (adolescents).
- 3) from 21 to 55 years (adults).
- 4) from 56 years and older (elderly people).

It was found that adults prevailed in a trial group and accounted for 72.7% or 168 individuals of the total number included in the study; 14.3% (33 individuals) were included in the subgroup of elderly people, while children and adolescents' subgroups had an equal number of patients and accounted for 6.1% each (14 individuals). It should be noted that in 0.8% of cases (2 people), the age of patients was not stated in the medical record. The obtained data are shown in Figure 2.

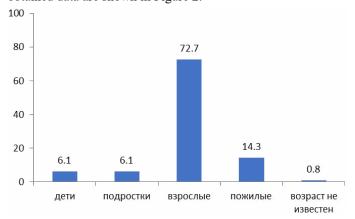
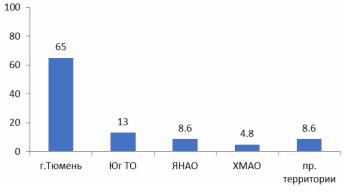


Figure 2. Distribution of patients by age, % (total number: 231 patients).

During further study the whole group of patients depending on the place of their residence was divided into 5 subgroups (Figure 3).



**Figure 3.** Distribution of patients by place of residence, % (total number: 231 patients).

- 1) residents of Tyumen city.
- 2) residents of the South of Tyumen region.
- 3) residents of Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District.
- 4) residents of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District.
- 5) residents of other territories.

It was established that the majority of patients do live in Tyumen city – 65% (150 people). Residents of the South of Tyumen region made up 13% (30 people); the share of population of Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous District and other territories accounted for an equal number of patients, 8.6% each (20 people), while the residents of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District made up 4.8% (11 people).

It is known from the literature that one of the main characteristics of living in northern, or more precisely, high-latitude regions are a deficiency of vitamin D. In order to prove this, we present the results of a study [10], in which the authors established the correlation between the area of residence and frequency of vitamin D deficit. The trial group consisted of children under 18 years; vitamin D deficiency was defined as a level of 25 (OH)D below 20 nmol/L. Figure 4 shows a graph reflecting this relation.

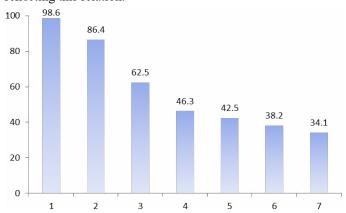


Figure 4. Correlation between the area of residence and frequency of vitamin D deficit, % [2].

\*1 – s. Izhma (Komi Republic, Russia; LAT, 65° N); 2 – s. Kortkeros (Komi Republic, Russia; LAT, 62° N); 3 – Turku (Finland; LAT, 61° N); 4 – Bergen (Norway; LAT, 60° N); 5 – s. Orda (Perm Krai, Russia; LAT, 57° N); 6 – Moscow Oblast (Russia; LAT, 56° N); 7 – Edmonton (Canada; LAT, 52° N)

The study emphasizes that the further north the region is, the more pronounced the vitamin D deficiency. This can be explained by the fact that vitamin D deficiency is widespread in areas located in northern latitudes (above 35 ° N), where, due to low average annual temperatures, a small number of sunny days as well as an acute incidence angle of sunlight rays and their scattering in the upper layers of the atmosphere in the autumn-winter and early spring period, contact with the skin is tangential, what significantly reduces the possibility of adequate vitamin D production [2].

It should be noted that Tyumen city corresponds to the Perm Krai (LAT, 57°15′ N). Thus, it can be assumed that the majority of inhabitants of this area have a deficit of vitamin D.

However, the results of another study showed that the rate of the vitamin D formation in skin is mainly affected not by the geographical latitude of the area, but the ecological and geographical factors caused by it: cloud cover, solar zenith angle, length of the daytime, time spent outdoors, features of wearing clothes, etc. [8]. Therefore, the correlation between vitamin D production and the geographic latitude of the region is only indirect. The foregoing confirms the fact that among residents, even in highly illuminated areas, vitamin D deficiency (due to habit of protection the body surface from solar radiation) is a common occurrence. Thus, in Saudi Arabia, Australia, India, the United Arab Emirates, and other warm countries, 30 to 50% of children and adults have level of 25(OH)D below 30 ng/mL [11]. In addition, it has been proven that the level of vitamin D is also affected by the mechanisms of adaptation

to the environment: the content of melanin in the skin, which provides different susceptibility to UV radiation (the darker the skin color, the lower the rate of vitamin D synthesis); availability of food sources of vitamin D; cultural and traditional features of the diet, etc.

Thus, it is not correct to associate vitamin D deficiency only with the geographical location of the area; this indicator can be considered as one of the factors affecting the level of vitamin D in the body [12].

Then, the correlation between the seasonality of seeking medical help and the level of vitamin D in the blood was analyzed. The whole group of patients was divided into 4 subgroups (Figure 5).

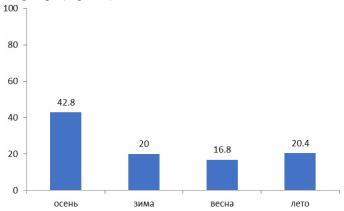


Figure 5. Distribution of patients depending on season of seeking medical care, %.

- 1) patients seeking medical care in winter.
- 2) patients seeking medical care in spring.
- 3) patients seeking medical care in summer.
- 4) patients seeking medical care in autumn.

After analyzing the data for gender, age, and place of residence of patients in the study group, as well as the seasonality of their seeking medical help, it was decided to measure the level of vitamin D in this group.

The entire group of patients, depending on the determined level of vitamin D in the blood, was divided into 4 subgroups:

- 1) patients with deficiency of vitamin D level in the blood (up to 20 ng/ml).
- 2) patients with vitamin D insufficiency (20-30 ng/ml).
- 3) patients with sufficient content of vitamin D in the blood (30-50 ng/ml).
- 4) patients with toxic levels of vitamin D in the blood (more than 100 ng/ml).

The analysis of the results showed that in the trial group there were more patients with insufficient content of vitamin D in the blood – 118 patients (51.1%). The second group, according to the frequency of occurrence consisted of 101 patients with sufficient level of vitamin D (43.7%); 9 patients (3.9%) had a vitamin D deficit while the toxic level of vitamin D was registered in 3 patients (1.4%).

The prevalence of patients with the deficient blood level of vitamin D was an expected result. Nevertheless, it is pleasant to note that the second most common group had sufficient levels

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Summarizing the above, we can get a "portrait" of the patient: a female aged 21-55, who lives in Tyumen city, seeks medical help in autumn and has an insufficient level of vitamin D in the blood.

#### Conclusion.

The presented work reflects the correlation between the level of vitamin D in the blood and several factors such as gender, age, place of residence and the seasonality of seeking medical care. The analysis of named factors showed that in order to relate patient to the risk group of hypovitaminosis D, it is worth approaching the solution in a complex manner. The assessment of each factor individually is random and can only serve as an "indicator", increasing the alertness during the vitamin D leveling. In addition, it was found that vitamin D deficiency can be observed at any time of the year, what emphasizes the importance of taking vitamin D supplements regardless of the season.

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