

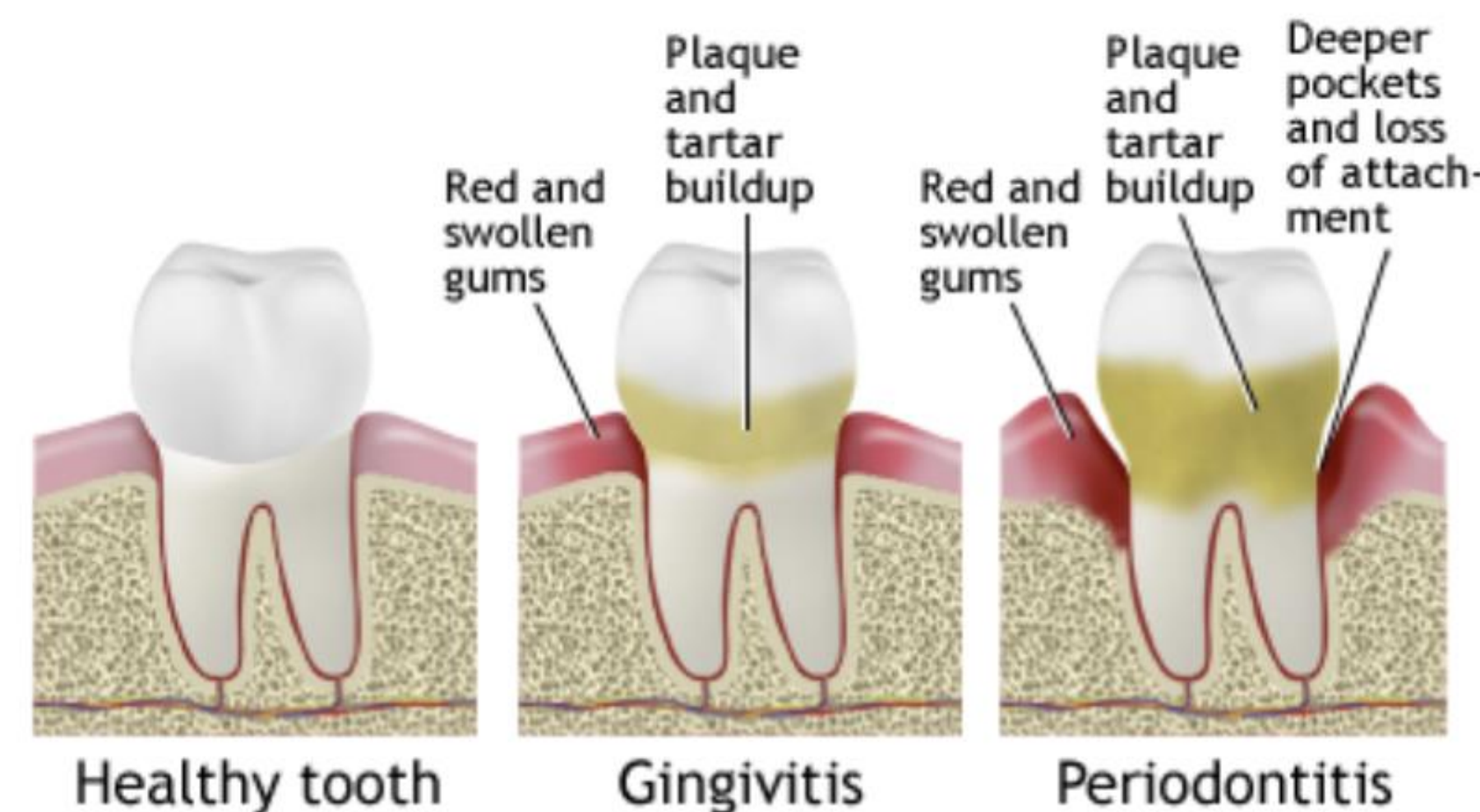


Introduction

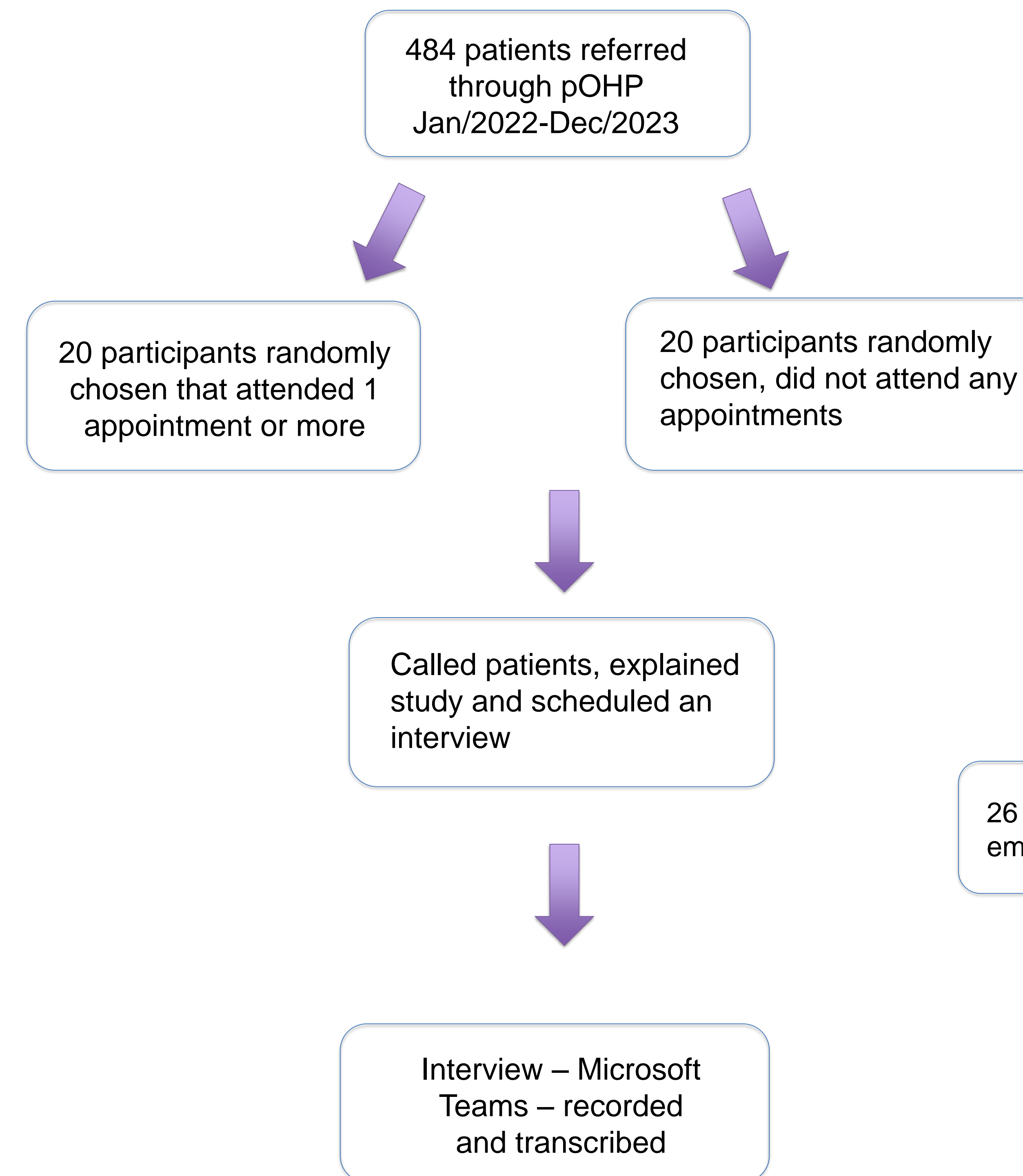
- Spike of estrogen and progesterone can increase the risk of gum disease
- Linked to adverse outcomes: preterm birth and low birth weight
- Dental treatments are safe during all trimesters
- Promoting awareness and understanding of importance of oral health for well being of mother and fetus
- Help them overcome challenges and complete their dental treatment plans effectively.
- pOHP (Prenatal Oral Health Program) encourages collaboration of medical and dental providers
- Their goal: improve health of every women, fetus and child

Aims

- Understand the obstacles that pregnant women face in accessing dental care

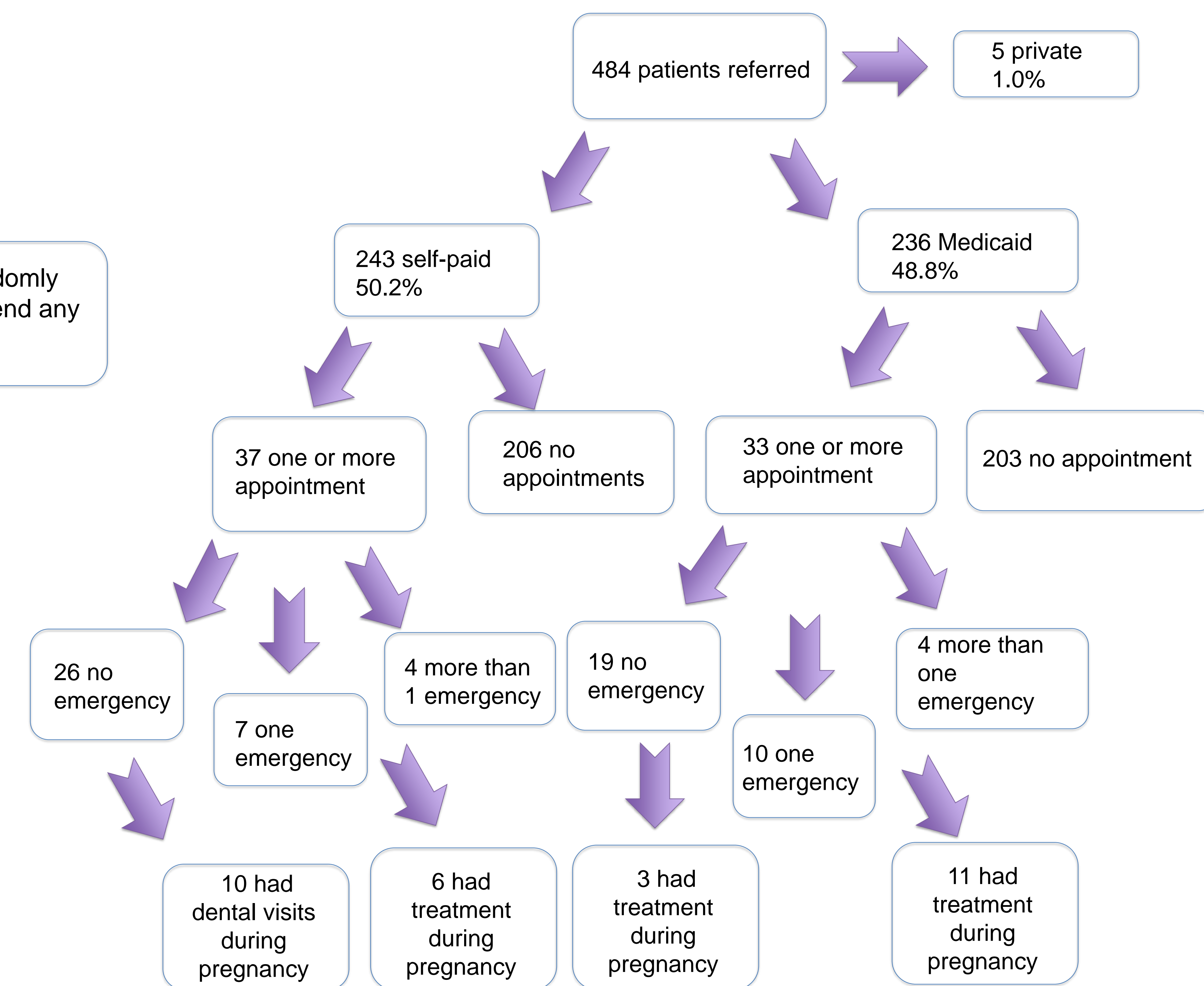


Methods



Preliminary Results

- Median age: 27 years old



- Study population: Must be over 18, must speak English
- Questions:
 - marriage status
 - vehicle status
 - survey of Knowledge on importance of oral health care and how it can affect them or their unborn child/ children
 - Emotional and physical comfort level during pregnancy and appointment
- UMCIRB 23-000393

Challenges

- Despite initial agreement, some participants did not show up for scheduled appointments.
- Attempts to contact participants via phone were often unsuccessful.
- Several participants required multiple rescheduling attempts due to conflicting schedules or personal reasons.
- Even after rescheduling, some participants still did not attend their appointments.
- Language differences posed a challenge for communication with certain participants.