



impact of leaving out the patient variables of sex and age, the third multivariate Cox regression analysis was conducted to examine the hazard ratios for dry mouth, restoration material, number of surfaces, and tooth type. The individuals with dry mouth had significantly shorter restoration and tooth survival times. Their fixed prosthetic crowns had a respectable survival rate, but particularly

their massive composite fillings (covering four or five surfaces) and glass ionomer cement fillings had low survival times. It is important to remember that dry mouth patients' restorations and teeth have a much shorter life period when discussing the predicted survival of a restoration with them.