

## **Trabalhos Científicos**

- Título: Lactose Intolerance In A Day Care Center
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- **Resumo:** Objectives and Study: Lactose intolerance has a variable prevalence in different parts of the world. The differences may be explained by the diverse eating habits of each population, allowing over the years a selection of individuals with and without the ability to digest lactose ontogenetic variation. The objective of this study is to identify the prevalence of lactose intolerance and their presenting main symptoms, developed by children at a day care center in the municipality of Duque de Caxias, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after an oral lactose tolerance test. Methods: Test of oral lactose overload was used. At the end of the test a questionnaire was held to identify symptoms. One hundred children were analyzed (61% male and 39% female), between 2 and 13 years (30% from 2 to 4 years; 37% from 5 to 7 years; 24% from 8 to 10 years; and 9% from 11 to 13 years). Results: The test showed 52% of the children with positive result for intolerance and 48% negative (71% with the time of 15 minutes and 29% with the time of 30 minutes). Answers were gotten at 64% of the questionnaires. Were diagnosed lactose intolerant (positive test with symptoms) 20,3% of the samples. Inconclusive results (positive test without symptoms and negative test with symptoms) reached 42,2%. Healthy patients represent 37,5%. Among the symptoms, diarrhea was the most prevalent (50%), followed by abdominal pain and headache (20%), and flatus/abdominal distension (5%). Symptoms that were not described on the literature were not found. Children between 5 and 7 were the more symptomatic. Conclusion: It was possible to conclude that the prevalence of lactose intolerance at the evaluated day care center is a little bit under the national rate. Diarrhea, an ordinary and nonspecific symptom, was the most prevalent one, making it necessary to carry