AIM OF THE STUDY

The aim of this study is to evaluate the effect of antidepressants on periodontal health in depressed patients who were on any one of the following antidepressants:

1. Fluoxetine - belonging to SSRI (Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors)
2. Venlafaxine belonging to SNRI (Selective serotonin - norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor)

Periodontal health status was measured according to the criteria given below:

1. Oral hygiene status
2. Gingival inflammation
3. Periodontal pocket depth
4. Clinical attachment level