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Evaluation of Practitioner's Awareness on Recent Advancements in Prosthodontic Treatment Modalities – A Questionnaire Study

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Abstract

Introduction: We live in an age of technology and advancements, in which dentistry into digital dentistry, new materials are applied to make the job of the dentist easier. Hence, it's mandatory, that the practitioners have to update themselves with the changing trends. To provide quality care to the patient, dentists need to update their skills and knowledge with the latest diagnosis and treatment modalities.

Aim: The aim was to assess the knowledge regarding recently advanced prosthodontic treatment modalities among the undergraduate and postgraduate clinical practitioners.

Materials and Methods: 100 practitioners including Under-Graduate Practitioners (UGP's) and Post-Graduate Practitioners (PGP's) were selected for the study. Consent was taken prior to answering the survey. The questionnaire consisted of 13 questions. There was a variable response to the survey and results were tabulated and statistically analysed.

Result: Among 100 practitioners, 44 (43.6%) were UGP's, and 57(56.4%) were PGP's. The response regarding recent advancements in dentistry on attending online programs was 4.5% by UGP's and 7.15% by PGP's, attending workshop programs was 11.36% by UGP's and 17.86% by PGP's, and Sales representatives - 1.79% by PGP's.

Conclusion: The study shows that PGP's of all specialties were more aware than UGP's practitioners regarding prosthodontic treatment modalities. It is a must for UGP's to know and learn about recent advancements in prosthodontic treatment modalities.

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