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Attitude towards Evidence Based Practice among post-graduate students and faculties of Prosthodontics, in the Universities of Tamil Nadu

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Evidence Based Dentistry(EBD) is gaining popularity in the present years but due to various restraints, practicing EBD has become a major task for the budding as well as the experienced dentists.

AIM AND OBJECTIVE

The aim of this survey is to assess the Attitude of the Post-Graduate students and the Faculties of the Department of Prosthodontics, in the Universities of Tamilnadu, towards Evidence Based Practice (EBP), in Prosthodontics.

METHODS

A structured questionnaire was drafted after literature review. The questionnaire was then modified and the final questionnaire was designed. The institutional review board and ethical committee approval was obtained. The questionnaire was then sent to the Post-Graduate students and Faculties of the Department of Prosthodontics in the Universities of Tamilnadu through google forms via Whatsapp, E-mail, Facebook Messenger and hard-copies. A reminder was given after a month.

RESULTS

A total of 180 Post-Graduate students and 46 Faculties (n = 226) responded. From the results it was found that majority of the Prosthodontists had a positive attitude towards EBP but there was a statistically significant difference between the attitudes of the Post-Graduates and Faculties towards EBP in Prosthodontics.(p <0.05)

CONCLUSION


Even though the dentists' had a positive attitude towards EBD, they faced a lot of uncertainties in incorporating it into their daily practice.

CLINICAL IMPLICATION

Continuing educational programs and curriculum highlighting EBP and tips for incorporating it into daily practice should be encouraged .

KEYWORDS

Evidence Based Practice (EBP), Prosthodontics, Attitude.

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