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**Perception of a Patient towards Dentistry during Covid-19 Pandemic in Madhya Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background** – Covid 19 pandemic is a health emergency that put the health care professionals at high risk. Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown created an impact on perception of patients towards dentistry. Several guidelines were suggested for the dentist for the safe practice.

**Aim** – The aim of the current study was to assess the perception of a patient towards dentistry during covid-19 pandemic in Madhya Pradesh


**Methodology** – A close ended questionnaire having 30 questions was prepared using ‘google forms’ and distributed among participants in Madhya Pradesh and collected data was analyzed by utilizing SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) 21.0 version.

**Result** – A total of 111 responses were collected out of which Nearly 96.4% of participants were aware of the symptoms of the COVID-19 infection. 91% percent of participants believed that a PPE kit, N-95 mask, the minimum number of patients in a waiting area, and the use of sanitizer all are important in a dental clinic. Amongst the participants, 77.5% would prefer to visit the dentist rather than tolerate the pain during the pandemic.

**Conclusion** – The risk of covid 19 infection increased the dental anxiety and fear among patients but dental professional managed it by following guidelines to prevent transmission of virus during dental

treatment, opting teleconsultation and making patient aware of importance of vaccination against covid-19.

**Keywords** – Dentistry, Covid-19, Questionnaire, Perception

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