

PERCEPTION OF GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS TOWARD PERIODONTAL TREATMENT IN JAMNAGAR CITY: A SURVEY

INTRODUCTION: Periodontology is a fast evolving field where newer insights into existing concepts are changing the face of the traditional periodontal treatment. The protocol of management of periodontal diseases in the setup of general dental practice has undergone little change over the last decade. Hence this survey was carried out. **AIM AND OBJECTIVES:** The aim of this study was to identify awareness of GDPs toward periodontal treatment by evaluating current status of same in dental clinics along with the protocol of maintenance therapy. **MATERIAL AND METHOD:** 100 GDPs from Jamnagar city, Gujarat participated in the self-administered questionnaire based survey. **RESULT:** The results revealed that a 98% of the GDPs of Jamnagar city performed phase-I therapy and 38% percent of the dentists carried out some or the other periodontal surgical procedures on their own. the role of a periodontist in private dental clinics in jamnagar chiefly limited to surgical therapy. Gingivectomy and frenectomy were the most common procedures carried out by GDPs followed by crown lengthening. almost all of them believed that there was stopping of bleeding after the treatment, while 70% of dentists believed that there is occasional recurrence after flap surgery Lack of maintenance and awareness toward oral hygiene measures were identified by the survey as the chief factor for recurrence of periodontal disease. **CONCLUSION:** This survey clearly demonstrates that there is high awareness among dentists regarding periodontal treatment protocols more than maintenance along with proper oral hygiene maintenance methods.

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