



ERO Working Group

Relations Between Dental Practitioner and Universities

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Current Situation and Future Activities of the WG Relation Between Dental Practitioner and Universities

The previous Chair of the WG prof. Nermin Yamalik for personal reasons has resigned from chairing the group.

On behalf of the ERO Board and the members of the WG I would like to thank prof. Yamalik for all the great work she has done leading this WG.

The extensive activities of the group were especially visible thanks to the very well received publications in the IDJ.

We still count on prof. Yamalik's engagement in ERO cooperation with ADEE.

At today's meeting the WG decided that new chairperson is

Simona DIANISKOVA

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Current project:
Analysis of attitudes and perceptions of dentists in the ERO-zone regarding dental clinical guidelines (survey)

Background & Aim

Clinical decision making is a routine for every dental practitioner and it is an important part of daily dental practice.

Clinical recommendations, position papers and clinical guidelines essentially aim at providing support for the dental practitioners in their everyday practice.

However, developing of clinical guidelines and their use in health care (including dentistry and medicine) is a process where certain questions and concerns also arise.

This questionnaire aims at evaluating the current situation and the perceptions of dental practitioners regarding developing and implementing clinical guidelines in dental practice.

Questionnaire

Clinical guidelines and their use in dental practice as a supportive tool

Addressed to dentists practicing in various kinds of settings (from individuals practice to dental clinics)

and in various fields of dentistry (from general to specialist practice).

Responses sent by dentists from 6 countries.

Country	Number of Participants	Frequency
Georgia	92	10.1 %
Italy - ANDI	103	11.3%
Portugal	262	28.8%
Russia	107	11.8%
Switzerland	50	5.5%
Turkey	296	32.5%
TOTAL	910	100%

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Summary of the results of the Questionnaire

Clinical guidelines and their use in dental practice as a supportive tool

Participants were mostly:

over 40 years (52%); in practice for less than 20 years (60%);
general practitioners (65%); in private practice (75%);
in individual or group practice (80%)

Clinical guidelines are known (68%) and implemented (61%) by majority of the responding dentists (68%). 81% believed in the benefit of clinical guidelines for dental practice.

Clear differences were observed between the respondents from different countries based on local/geographical circumstances, age, years of professional practice, etc.

More than half (57%) believed that there is a role for NDAs, especially in creating a general awareness on clinical guidelines. Majority (> 80%) felt that NDAs and dental faculties could collaborate for developing and disseminating clinical guidelines.

Summary

Clinical guidelines and their use in dental practice as a supportive tool

Both patients and dentists equally benefited from the implementation of clinical guidelines into practice.

Lack of awareness of clinical guidelines was the first reason for not implementing clinical guidelines into daily practice.

NDA's may need to consider the suggested role for them in collaborating with dental faculties in:

- developing evidence-based clinical guidelines;
- disseminating clinical guidelines;
- increasing the implementation of clinical guidelines into practice.



Thank you ...

On behalf of prof. Nermin Yamalik and myself