

***Summary of the results of the questionnaire
(WG Relation between Dental Practitioner and Universities)***

Clinical guidelines and their use in dental practice as 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 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.

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.

NDAs 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.*

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