



Assessing Dentists Knowledge About Oral Cancer

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Abstract:

Aim: The aim of our project is to assess through a questionnaire the knowledge, behavior, and experiences of dentist's in UAE regarding oral cancer.

Materials and Methods: The sample of this study contains 181 questionnaires comprised of 39 questions which they were distributed to 7 categories. 4 questions on dentists demographics data, 5 questions about examination of patients, 17 questions about oral cancer risk factors, 8 questions about diagnosis of oral cancer, 2 questions about oral cancer knowledge and patients personal history and one question about tobacco cessation program. Data were analyzed using EXCEL, SPSS and Chi-square test.

Results: The study showed that 11% of the participating dentists had good knowledge concerning detection and prevention of oral cancer and 9% of them

feels confident regarding the diagnosis of oral cancer from clinical appearance. Females expressed more knowledge about oral cancer than males ($p < 0.05$) while age showed no significance to knowledge and p-value was greater than (0.05).

Conclusion: We found that most of the dentists in UAE lack the sufficient knowledge of diagnosis, prevention, and detection of oral cancer.