

Oral Hygiene Awareness in Implant Patients

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Abstract

Background: The level of awareness about implant and oral hygiene is low among the patients in Indian community and the source of information plays a key role in improving the level of awareness about dental implants and maintenance of same. **Objectives:** To assess the level of knowledge, attitude, acceptance and maintenance of dental implant in patients. **Materials and methods:** A hospital based questionnaire survey was conducted among 151 patients attending outpatient department of A.B. Shetty Memorial Institute of Dental Sciences (Mangalore). Eligible participants with implants were selected. Questionnaire was used to assess their knowledge, attitude, level of comfort and maintenance of Dental implant. **Result:** Out of 151 patients 62.9% are made aware about dental implant through their dentists and most of them were of 34 to 45 years of age group. 45.7% of patients expected the life expectancy of implants to be less than 10 years. 46% expected the need for more maintenance after implants. **Conclusion:** The results of this survey showed an acceptable level of awareness about dental implants and oral hygiene maintenance among a selected sample of dental patients. It also emphasizes the need for the educating patients about dental implant maintenance.