Table 1: AWARENESS REGARDING DENTAL ETHICS

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| S.No. | Awareness regarding dental ethics | Dentists’s response | P value |
| 1. | How manyprinciples are there in dental ethics?   1. 9 2. 6 | 345(80.3)  39 (20.7) | 0.001 |
| 2 | Do you think each & every patient records should be maintained?   1. Yes 2. No   2.a., If yes, for how many years?  a) 3years  b) 5 years | 63 (16.4)  321 (83.6)  262 (68.2)  122 (31.8) | 0.12 |
| 3 | Is it necessary to obtain informed written consent even for clinical examination and routine radiography?  a) Yes b) No  3.a., Consent is invalid when given under  a) 15 years of age  b) 12 years of age | 204(53.1)  180(46.9)  303(78.9)  81(21.1) | 0.23 |
| 4. | Dentists can use abbrevations of memberships in associations or organizations as a suffix to their names  a) Yes b) No | 190(57.5)  194(47.7) | 0.2 |
| 5. | Is it mandatory to offer free consultations to fellow dentists and their family unless involving expensive materials and time?  a) Yes b) No | 160(41.7)  224(58.3) | 0.12 |
| 6. | .Do you think advertisements for a dental clinic is unethical?  a) Yes b) No | 267(69.5)  117(30.5) | 0.001 |
| 7. | Do you think dentist’s name in commercial products like toothpastes, toothbrush etc is unethical?  a) Yes b) No | 279(72.7)  105 (27.3) | 0.02 |
| 8. | It is not unethical to affix a signboard in chemist shop or in other places where the dentist does not reside/ work?  a) Yes b) No | 246(64.1)  138(35.9) | 0.012 |
| 9. | Will you be always ready to respond to the call of his patients and his behaviour should always be polite and dignified at all means?  a) Yes b) No | 239(62.2)  145(37.8) | 0.001 |
| 10. | Do you feel that as a dental surgeon you must institute standard care including resuscitation in case of cardiac episodes and one has to be adequately trained in basic life support?  a) Yes b) No | 309(80.5)  75(19.5) | 0.001 |
| 11. | As a dental surgeon, are you free to choose the patient who is intended to treatment but not on the basis of any religion, caste or the presence of ailments such as HIV/ other contagious diseases?  a) Yes b) No | 340(88.5)  44(11.5) | 0.2 |
| 12. | Will you receive any commission from radiologist, laboratory or dispensing chemists in the form of money, gift or gratitude (travel tickets, paid vacations, CDE/CME)?  a) Yes b) No | 278(72.4)  106(27.6) | 0.2 |
| 13. | Do you know that when a patient is being referred to a specialist by the dental surgeon, a case summary of the patient should be given to the specialist explaining the details of the case?  a) Yes b) No | 178(46.4)  206(53.6) | 0.001 |
| 14. | As a dental surgeon, will you employ an unregistered dental hygienist or dental mechanic?  a) Yes b) No | 213(55.5)  171(44.5) | 0.1 |
| 15. | As a dental surgeon, can you work for pharmaceutical and allied health care industries as researchers in the best interest of the patient?  a) Yes b) No | 168(43.8)  216(56.3) | 0.2 |
| 16. | As a dentist, will you prescribe a medication unaware of its composition and should as far as possible prescribe their generic forms?  a) Yes  b) No | 229(59.6)  155(40.4) | 0.1 |
| 17. | As a dental practitioner, will you announce his fees before rendering service and not after the operation/ treatment?  a) Yes b) No | 149(38.8)  235(61.2) | 0.01 |
| 18. | As a dental surgeon, will you ensure that the patient, relatives & his responsible friends should have knowledge about the patient’s condition?  a) Yes b) No | 278(72.4)  106(27.6) | 0.001 |
| 19. | Did you know that it is the duty of the specialist (dental ) to refer the patient back to the patient’s original dentist after the treatment for which referral was made?  a) Yes b) No | 273(71.1)  111(28.9) | 0.001 |
| 20. | Will you be punctual for consultations except in case of unavoidable & justifiable professional delays?  a) Yes b) No | 298(77.6)  86(22.4) | 0.002 |
| 21. | Did you know that there should not be unnecessary divulgence of opinion and if so it should be frankly and impartially explained to the patient or his relatives/ friends?  a) Yes b) No | 297(77.3)  87(22.7) | 0.001 |

Table 2 : AWARENESS ABOUT DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE

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| S.NO. | KNOWLEDGE REGARDING DENTAL JURISPRUDENCE | DNTISTS RESPONSE | P VALUE |
| 1. | Are you aware of professional indemnity (repayment) insurance?  a) Yes b) No  4.a., If yes, it is done  i) for giving compensation to the patient if doctor is found guilty.  ii) for protecting the clinic  iii) for protecting costly equipment | 239(62)  105(27.3)  32(8.3)  236(61.5)  115(29.9) | **0.12** |
| 2. | In which year COPRA was enacted?   1. 1986 2. 1992 | 246 (64)  138 (36) |  |
| 3. | In India, the COPRA consists of \_\_\_\_ stages grievance redressal mechanisms  a) 2  b) 3 | 267 (69.5)  117 (30.5) |  |
| 4. | According to COPRA; under district forum, a person can claim compensation up to  a) 2 lakh  b) 5 lakh | 81 (21.1)  303 (78.9) |  |
| 5. | Treatment provided at hospitals, health centers or dispensaries free of charge are excluded from the COPRA  a) True  b) False | 229 (59.6)  155 (40.4) |  |