FDI evaluates Caries Prevention Partnership chairside guide and honours Smile Award winners from India and New Zealand

La FDI evalúa la Guía sobre Prevención de Caries y otorga los Premios Smile a India y Nueva Zelanda

Notable results of the evaluation survey on the Caries Prevention Partnership’s (CPP’s) Caries Prevention and Management Chairside Guide will be discussed in-depth at the interactive CPP Guidelines workshop. FDI recently conducted a survey to evaluate the CPP chairside guide, which was released at the 2017 World Dental Congress. The primary aim of the survey was to obtain feedback from oral health professionals on the usefulness and relevance of the guide. A total of 330 oral health professionals from 88 countries participated in the survey.

The CPP chairside guide was developed to reduce the impact of caries as early as possible by preventing further tooth destruction, to reverse the carious process in favor of remineralization, and to empower patients to improve and maintain their own oral health. The chairside guide is designed in an easy-to-use format tailored to the dental practice setting.

The survey results revealed that the CPP chairside guide is appreciated by most oral health professionals. It is considered informative and useful, especially for adopting a preventative approach based on age and in terms of supporting decision-making. Further statistical analysis found that the guide is most useful for oral health professionals with less than ten years of experience in their current roles. An infographic with key results is available at the FDI Pavilion and may be downloaded from the FDI website.

In addition to the chairside guide, the CPP granted this year’s Smile Award winners at the FDI General Assembly on 3 September. The Smile Award recognizes sustainable, longer-term projects to improve oral health around the globe.

This year, the Indian Dental Association (IDA) and the New Zealand Dental Association (NZDA) were each presented with the Smile Award. The IDA was awarded for its National Oral Health Programme, which strives to attain optimal oral health for all by 2020, notably through oral health check-ups and awareness camps for children. The NZDA was awarded for its project to support New Zealand schools to become “water-only”, meaning that water and low-fat milk would be the only drinks permitted on school premises.

The CPP chairside guide and the Smile Award were developed as part of the CPP, an international effort to help shift the focus of dental practitioners from a restorative approach to preventative dental medicine. Launched in 2015 and supported by Colgate, this initiative seeks to enhance oral disease prevention through high-quality educational communication materials on caries and associated activities that target professionals, patients and the public.

Session details:
CPP Guidelines workshop
Friday, 7 September
13:00-14:00
Room 6
The Oral Cancer: Prevention and patient management chairside guide was recently released to coincide with the start of the FDI World Dental Congress. The chairside guide offers practical guidance on oral cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment to oral health professionals. Oral cancer is a type of head and neck cancer and is any cancerous tissue growth in the oral cavity. About 500,000 new cases of oral and oropharyngeal cancers are diagnosed annually, three-quarters of which occur in the developing world. FDI is committed to reducing the oral disease burden and improving oral health outcomes worldwide.

In line with its mission to lead the world to optimal oral health, FDI developed the chairside guide to prevent, promptly diagnose and treat oral cancer. FDI recognises that oral health professionals play an important role in combating oral cancer. The purpose of this informative tool is to provide oral health professionals and patients with concise, yet comprehensive, information about oral cancer prevention, risk factors and early detection.

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