



Life After Covid-19 Changes in Normal Functioning of Dental Colleges

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Covid-19 has almost transformed the life of all the dentists. While private practitioners are facing the problem of normal patient OPD in their respective clinics, Dental colleges are facing lot of challenges like normal educational pattern. Now there is a need for separate screening of normal patient because of fear of Covid-19 Dental education is suffering because the complete strength of students is missing. They have a fear of contacting the infection from suspected patient. Even parents are not sure about safety of students. Despite an excellent recovery rate of almost more than 90%, still a lot of psychological fear is prevailing in both faculty and students. Educational interaction is completely lacking. Total focus is on imparting online teaching with an advantage to avoid direct contact. No doubt in this present condition the concept of online education is the best but the mental impact is creating a havoc in both young and old minds. The main drawback in dentistry is the practical knowledge which can never be taken online. However, theory can be taught online but practical knowledge is very difficult to obtain. Sometimes the internet facility is not available because there are many remote areas where signal is weak. Also, server becomes down and both time and knowledge is wasted. Even, there are reports of decrease in interest of students in education due to lack of physical interaction. Hence, maximum we can expect is to resume back to our normal life as early as possible so that both education and practical knowledge is taken in a best way. No doubt the pandemic is not over totally but right precautions and psychological stability can propel us towards better future in dentistry.

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