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 relevancy of the guide. A total of 330 oral health professionals from 88 countries participated in the survey.

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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
Oral cancer chairside guide now available online and at FDI Pavilion

Vea la guía para el tratamiento del cáncer oral online y en el Pabellón de la FDI

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 diagnosis.

The chairside guide is available online at worlddental.org/what-we-do/projects/oral-cancer-guidelines and can be downloaded from the FDI website (www.fdiworlddental.org).

As part of the FDI World Dental Congress, a workshop on the chairside guide will be held on 5 September 2018 at 13:00-14:00 in Sala 6 of the Congress Center.

The Oral Cancer: Prevention and patient management chairside guide contains comprehensive information about oral cancer prevention and early diagnosis, with a clear and concise approach to help oral health professionals in their work.

The guide is based on the latest scientific research and evidence, providing clear and practical recommendations for oral health professionals. It is designed to be easily accessible and user-friendly, with visual aids and practical tips to help oral health professionals in their daily work.

The guide includes section on the different types of oral cancer, signs and symptoms, risk factors, diagnosis, treatment options, and follow-up care. It also provides guidance on how to discuss oral cancer with patients and how to refer them to appropriate specialists.

The guide is available in English and is free to download. It can be shared with colleagues and patients to raise awareness about oral cancer and encourage early diagnosis and treatment.

The workshop will be an opportunity for oral health professionals to learn more about the chairside guide and how to use it in their practice.

The workshop will feature presentations from experts in oral cancer and will be followed by a Q&A session where participants can ask questions and share their experiences.