

# A Cross-Sectional Survey on Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Dental Ethics among Dental Graduates of Karachi, Pakistan: A Multicenter Study

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## Description:

The purpose of this study will be to assess the knowledge, attitude and perceptions of dental graduates (house officers) and post graduate trainees regarding implication of Dental ethics in clinical practice.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

### DEMOGRAPHIC

#### Designation:

- House officer
- Junior resident/post graduate trainee
- Senior resident/post graduate trainee

#### Gender:

- Male
- Female

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

### KNOWLEDGE:

Q.1: Do you have knowledge about PMDC code of ethics?

- Yes
- No

Q.2: Do you think knowledge of ethics is important to your work?

- 1. Yes I think it is very important
- 2. No I don't think it is very important
- 3. Don't know

### ATTITUDE:

Q.3: Do you feel need for ethics to be taught in dental college at undergraduate/post-graduate level?

- 1. Yes I think it should be taught
- 2. No I don't think it should be taught
- 3. I don't know

Q.4: How often have you been placed in a clinical situation in which you felt pressure to act unethically?

- 1. Very frequently
- 2. Frequently
- 3. Occasionally
- 4. Never

Q.5: Do you discuss these ethical issues with your clinical supervisor?

- 1. Yes, frequently
- 2. Yes, sometimes
- 3. No, never
- 4. Depends on the clinical situation

Q.6: To whom will you prefer to consult on an ethical problem?

- 1. Colleague
- 2. Supervisor
- 3. Head of department
- 4. Hospital administrator
- 5. Ethics committee
- 6. Professional association
- 7. Text/Internet
- 8. Close family/friend

### OPINIONS AND PRACTICE OF DENTAL ETHICS

	Agree	Disagree	Not Sure	Mostly	Sometimes	Never
Patient wishes must always be adhered to						
Patient should always be informed of wrong doing (File breakage, extraction)						
Confidentiality-not important						
Dentist should do best irrespective of patient's opinion						
Consent only for procedure-not for radiographs/ tests-medications)						
Dentist should refuse to treat a violent patient						
If patient refuses treatment due to beliefs,they should be instructed to find another dentist						