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PDA and SRB conclude negotiations, urge dentists to register through portal

DT Pakistan Report

KARACHI: A team of senior dental surgeons of the Pakistan Dental Association (PDA) including Dr Kamran Vasfy, Dr Asif Niaz Arain, Dr Mumtaz Khan, and Dr Awab Alvi have successfully completed negotiations with SRB. PDA has now urged the dental practitioners of the country that are either practicing full time or part time, to register with the Sindh Revenue Board.

Under Section 24 of the Sindh Sales Tax on Services Act 2011, any cosmetic dental procedures such as aesthetic dentistry, orthodontic procedures or other cosmetic procedures, are subject to payable tax levied to the Sindh Revenue Board.

The agreement announced that the officials of Sindh Revenue Board have facilitated the dental

community in its request to reduce the amount of tax of dental services. The sales tax has been set at 13% , and can be charged on the following aesthetic dental procedures.

- Bleaching of Teeth undertaken for Cosmetic purposes.
- Dental Veneers given to patients for Cosmetic and/or Smile Design purposes.
- Lingual Orthodontics.
- Gold teeth.
- Placement of diamond/ dental jewelry on teeth/ tongue.
- Smile Makeover / Smile enhancement procedures

In accordance with the act, the Sindh Revenue Board, along with PDA urges all dental practitioners carrying out such procedures to register their dental practices with the Sindh Revenue through their portal service on the following website: www.e.srb.gos.pk

Following the step-by-step procedures mentioned on the website, dental practitioners shall require the following documents for registration:

1. NTN certificate
2. CNIC
3. Electricity Bill (Not older than 3 months)
4. Bank Account Certificate (Not older than 3 months, showing date of account opening)
5. Rent Agreement/Ownership Registry
6. Letter Head of Business



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After the registration, Sindh Revenue Board advises dental practitioners to levy the surcharge on cosmetic dental procedures, according to the Act.

The said amount is to be transferred to SRB through any SRB-authorized NBP branch before the 15th of each month.

SRB has also requested an e-filing of true and accurate, tax returns in Form SST-03, as mentioned under Section 30 of the Act 2011, by the 18th of each month.

President Alvi rejects PMDC bill 2022

DT Pakistan Report

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi rejected PMDC amendments bill 2022 and requested for it to be sent back to the National Assembly. A joint meeting has been scheduled for the 20th of December, 3pm, to discuss the passing of the PMDC bill. If the bill shall be approved in this joint setting, PMDC bill shall automatically become law after 10 days

without the approval of President, Dr Arif Alvi.

The bill sought to reestablish the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council and reinstate the Medical Teaching Institution (MTI) Act. Both bills were move by PPP leader Jam Abdil Karim, and were passed by the National Assembly and sent to the President for approval, after which is was to become the act of parliament.



Former President PDA Gujranwala passes away



DT Pakistan Report

GUJRANWALA: Dr Hasan Bashir Basra, a dental surgeon at Rahat Dental, Satellite Town, Gujranwala passed away recently at his home, in Gujranwala Cantt.

Dr Hasan Bashir Basra was the Project Director of PMA-PDA Welfare Complex, and Chairmen PDA Dental Welfare Complex Gujranwala, as well as Senior Dental Surgeon of Rahat Dental Satellite Town, Gujranwala).

Dr Hasan was suffering from liver disease, due to which he was scheduled to receive surgery at a local hospital in Gujranwala. Unfortunately, Dr Bashir Basra did not survive the surgery.

The Publisher, Editor, and all staff members at Dental News Pakistan express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

PMC President Dr Noshad Sheikh resigns

DT Pakistan Report

KARACHI: Dr Naushad Ahmed Sheikh, has submitted a formal resignation from his position as President of the Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC). Speaking to the media, Dr Naushad Sheikh said that he was not content during his tenure at PMC. He said that this was due to his other commitments and inability to take out the necessary time for the matters of PMC.

He said that he resigned recently on November 22 and has not gone to office since, he is unsure whether the health minister has accepted the resignation yet or not.

Dr Naushad Ahmed Shaikh said, "I am always ready to serve any institution in the country for the improvement of medical education and health services where I have the support of higher authorities and political commitment." The former President of PMC said that he resigned from the post due to personal reasons and commitments and has since, handed matters over to the Federal Health Minister. He said the differences with the Federal Minister of Health are not valid. All these rumours about misunderstandings between the two are not true.



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Prosthodontics dept places first ever facial prosthesis: JSMU

DT Pakistan Report

KARACHI - The Department of Prosthodontics of Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences, Jinnah Sindh Medical University Karachi completed its first facial prosthesis case for the patient, who is a resident of District Umar-Kot and was operated by an ENT Surgeon and referred to the Prosthodontics Department of SIOHS.

After evaluation, it was decided to fabricate an eye prosthesis and a maxillary Obturator simultaneously. The case was completed by Senior Registrar Dr Mehvish Khan and

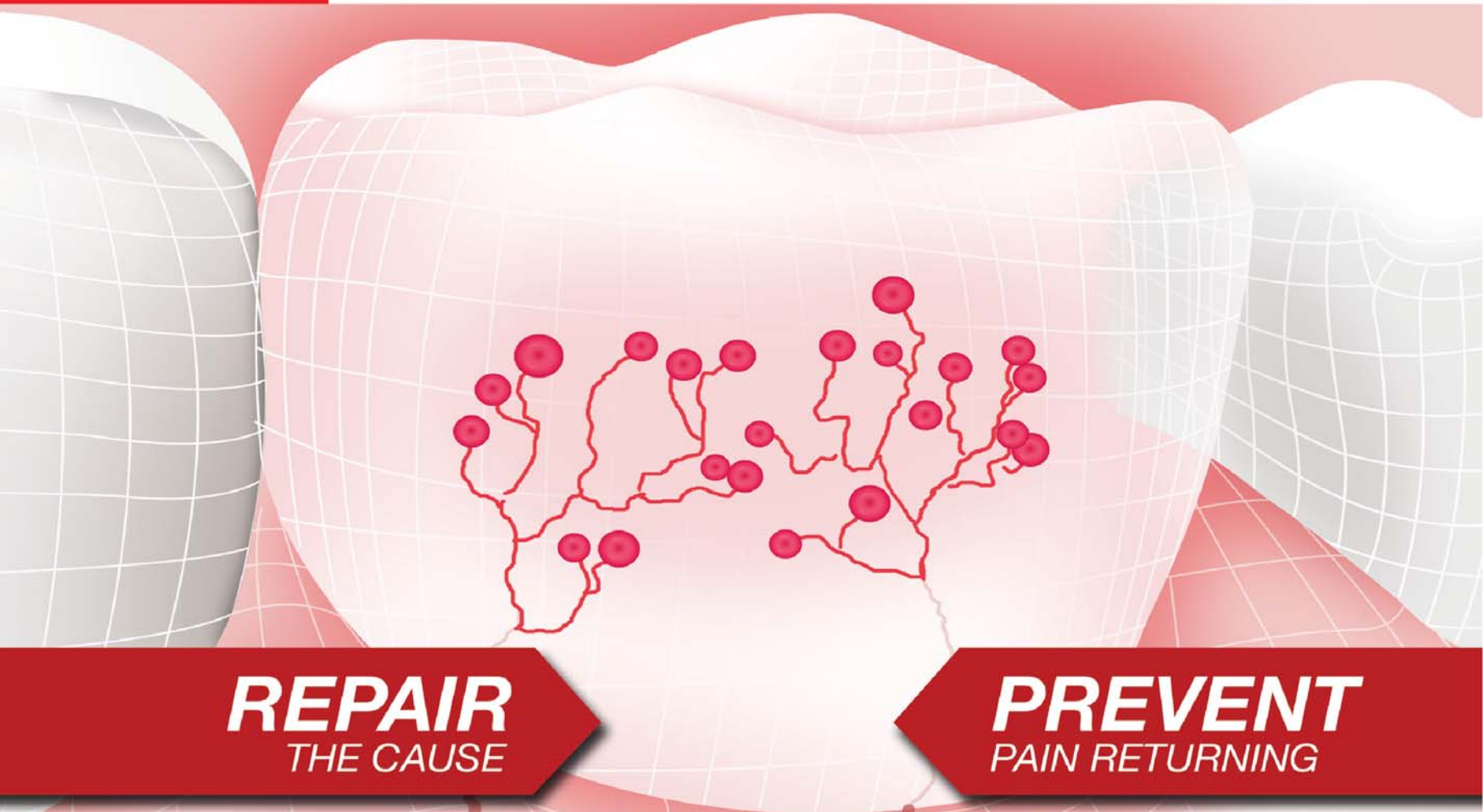


seven residents along with auxiliary staff. The whole team worked under the supervision of the Head of Prosthodontics Department, Prof Mehmood Hussain. The laboratory services were provided by Western

Laboratory on a complementary basis.

Professor Amjad Siraj Memon, Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University, congratulated the team of SIOHS

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PMDC successfully conducts MDCAT, first ever exam in Gilgit

DT Pakistan Report

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Medical Commission has managed to successfully conduct MDCAT exam. MDCAT-2022 was a paper-based exam, held single day at National & International venues through provincial public universities supervised by PMC.

PMC and test conducting all provincial universities successfully arranged the context.

President PMC Prof Dr Noshad Ahmad Shaikh stated that the future of the students is PMC's top priority and that the institution is working tirelessly to facilitate them.

He added that 204253 students from Pakistan appeared in the MDCAT exam. Moreover, the total registered candidates appeared in national venues were 203791. PMC also made international centers in UAE and in Saudia Arabia where total international candidates appeared were 462.

Prof Naushad elaborated that in the province of Punjab 83142,



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Sindh 43994, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 46229, Baluchistan 9238, Gilgit 645, Azad Jammu & Kashmir 2718, ICT 17825, International KSA 222, International UAE 240 candidates appeared in the examination.

He told that MDCAT examination was conducted in the following cities Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad, Bahawalpur, Gujranwala, Sahiwal, Sialkot, DG Khan, Karachi, Jamshoro, Dera Ismail Khan, Malakand, Nawabshah, Khairpur, Swat, Swabi, Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat, Bannu, Abbottabad, Quetta Gilgit, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur.

Prof Naushad himself was present in Gilgit where PMC conducted the first ever MDCAT. The supervision of the exam was personally done by President PMC.

He further commented that special assistance has also been provided to few handicap candidates who required help to fill answer sheets. He said it is the right of all students to fulfill their wishes and it is our responsibility to help them to fulfil their dreams.

Moreover, the entire PMC staff under the visionary leadership of Minister Health worked day and night to make all necessary arrangements to conduct MDCAT.

The students have been provided best facility to appear in the exam.

The Federal Minister Abdul Qadir Patel appreciated the hard work of the Pakistan Medical Commission's Counsel to maintain the best standards for successful conduction of MDCAT Exams.

The Minister said that Vice Chancellors and examination heads of all public sector medical universities also did a better job to ensure transparency in exams. "The current PMC counsel has given these exams to Public Sector Medical Universities which has proved that giving exams to private entities is controversial and raises doubts of students and parents."

He wished all the students and parents good luck for future endeavors saying: "It's a exam for a complete family not just one student. I know how hard it is to become a doctor, it's a profession of extreme talent and hard work I wish all these students add value to the medical profession and the country."

Rishi Sunaks take on dentistry

DT Pakistan Report

KARACHI: Rishi Sunak responds to a question on dentistry in his first Prime Minister's Question Time.

The South Derbyshire MP, Heather Wheeler called for enhanced regulations to let foreigner dentists and physicians operate in the UK.

To the British Medical Council and the British Dental Association, Heather Wheeler requested, "Will indeed my right respectable friend kindly use this - his first appearance in the dispatch box - to make it clear that, along with so much learning areas starting up, individuals should always allow more doctors and dentists to work in the UK so that the excellent individuals from South Derbyshire

can undergo care on the NHS."

Sunak emphasized that attempts are being made by the authorities to improve the registration process for international dentists. He continued, "I'm delighted that there are 3,500 more doctors and approximately 9,000 additional nurses working this year compared to last."

But Heather Wheeler is right; we're attempting to make it easier for dentists, especially to qualify to operate locally, even if they weren't trained here. With this approach, we could assist the NHS in executing a long-term recruitment and selection policy and ensuring that every person has access to the treatment they deserve.

In particular, he stated that if he was appointed as a prime minister, he would indeed

"reinstate NHS dentistry." Establishing an "early diagnosis" strategy with inspections in primary schools was among his plans. Sunak previously indicated that he is mindful of the pressing necessity to address the problem dentistry is currently witnessing.

I drank a good amount of Coke while I was a kid, which is the reason I have seven fillings, the man claimed to ease the situation. He further said, I respect your anguish, and we actually need exceptional dental care. Everyone's top objective in terms of public amenities is the NHS.



Prosthodontics dept places ...

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and the department of Prosthodontics for achieving the milestone and said that people with facial disfigurement due to an accident start to feel alone in society. In such a case, the process of facial prosthesis in JSMU will

play a significant role in connecting these people with society and the said people will be able to live a life confidently.

Professor Yawar Ali Abidi, Dean of SIOHS, and Zubair Abbasi, Principal Professor, appreciated the efforts of the team of the Prosthodontics

Department and assured all possible support for the arrangement of prostheses equipment.

In this regard, Professor Mehmood Hussain, Head of the Prosthodontics Department, has said that our aim is to make our department a center of excellence

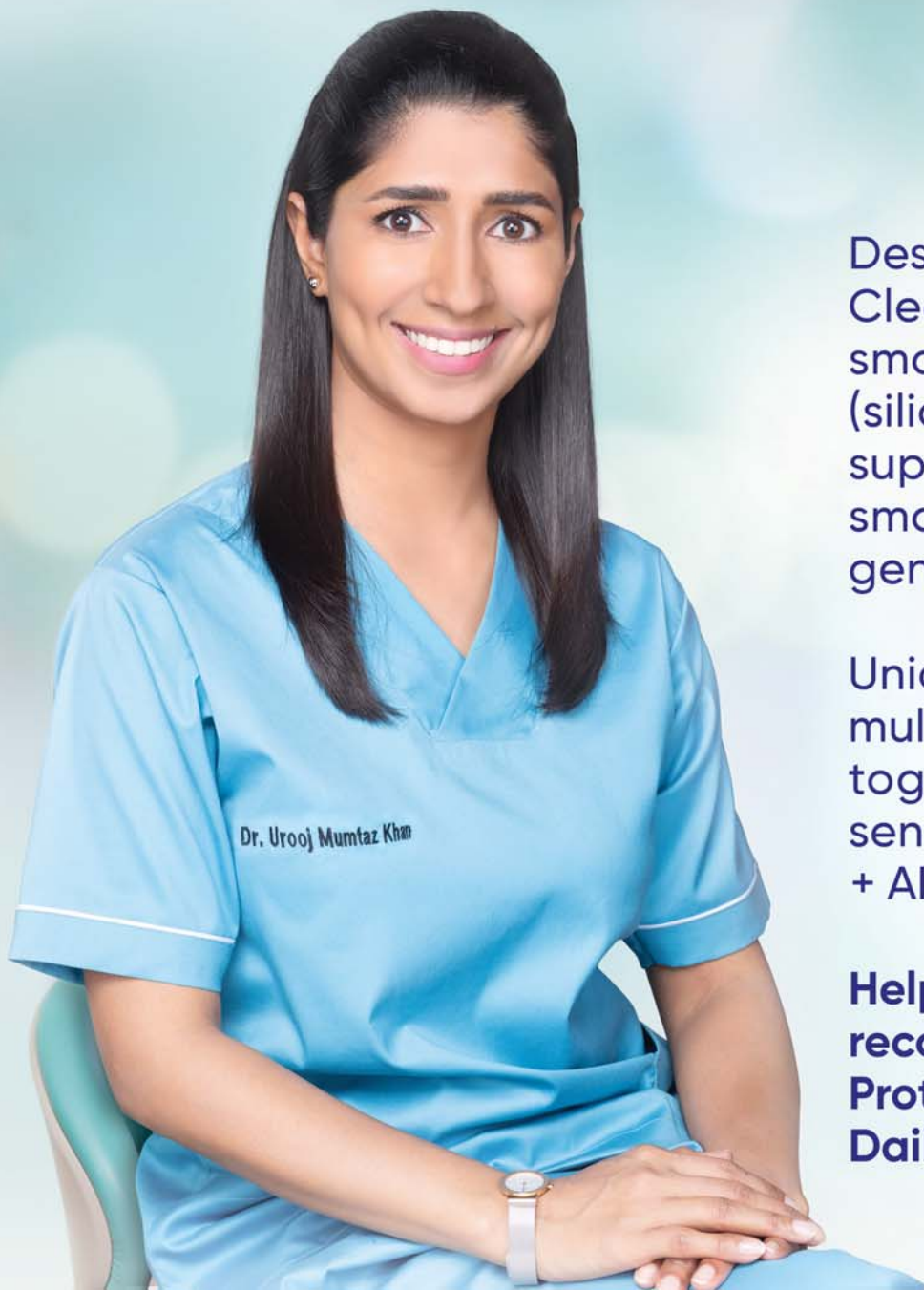
in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics in Pakistan, as there are no such centers in Pakistan yet.

With the vision of honorable Vice Chancellor JSMU, SIOHS will be ready to provide such prosthesis at a very low cost to facilitate such patients in future as well, he added. **-PR**

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Korea Announced as AEEDC Dubai 2023 Guest of Honour

AEEDC Dubai begins February 7, over 60,000 expected to attend

DUBAI, UAE: AEEDC Dubai has officially announced The Republic of Korea as the Guest of Honour for the 27th edition of the annual International Dental Conference and Arab Dental Exhibition, AEEDC Dubai 2023, the largest international scientific dental conference and exhibition in the world which witnessed more than 60,000 visitors to its last edition.

The announcement was made during the recent Korea International Dental Devices Exhibition in Seoul, Korea, which was attended by Eng Anas Al Madani, Vice Chairman and Group CEO of INDEX Holding, representing AEEDC Dubai Organizing Committee. Eng Anas made the announcement in the company of the Korea Dental Devices Industry Association, KDIA, which represents over 430 member companies including manufacturers and importers.

More than 130 Korean companies are set to participate in AEEDC Dubai 2023, which is also set to host more than 155 countries for three days beginning on February 7th, 2023, in eight exhibition halls of the Dubai World Trade Centre, including seven major conference halls.

Korean companies have a long history of attending AEEDC Dubai dating back to 2008. Only nine companies attended initially, but today, that number has grown significantly to more than 130 companies participating annually and covering nearly 3,000 sqm of stands within AEEDC Dubai.

The Korean dental industry has developed in the wider region due to AEEDC as it has



always provided manufacturers a platform to connect with other markets and businesses around the world.

Mr Hoon Taek Lim, Chairman of KDIA, stated: "With the growth of Korean dental industry over the past 15 years, we are happy that AEEDC Dubai has also grown into the world's largest annual dental conference and exhibition. We are very proud that the Republic of Korea has been chosen as the Guest of Honour at AEEDC Dubai 2023 and I think it would be an important example of the rising status of Korean dental brands in the global market. The Korea Dental Devices Industry Association will continue to support Korean dental brands and AEEDC Dubai to grow together."

Notably, Korean dental companies have shown to be prominent with implants from notable brands like Osstem Implant, Dentium, Neobiotech, Dio Implant, Megagen, Dentis, and IBS Implant; and popular with dental imaging from notable brands Vatech and Genoray. Dental implant production is around USD 2 billion a year and ranks as their number one domestic

production item. Dental implant exports account for 9.5% of Korea's total medical device exports - approximately USD 340 million.

Korea is also one of the leading countries in the world for medical device market size where production amounts to over USD 11 billion, a figure that has nearly doubled within the last four years. The dentistry profession is one of most admirable professions in Korea where more than 80% of Korean dentists can perform implant surgery, one of the highest in any nation.

About AEEDC Dubai

AEEDC Dubai is a three-day conference and exhibition, which brings together oral health practitioners and producers from around the world, showcases the latest innovative technology and provides companies in the industry an opportunity to forge long-term deals and joint investments to serve the needs of local, regional, and international markets.

AEEDC Dubai 2023 will take place on February 7th-9th at the Dubai World Trade Centre and is organized annually by INDEX Conferences and Exhibitions - a member of INDEX Holding. **-PR**

Practical session on 'Facial Trauma Management' by Swiss dentists

KARACHI: AO CMF, Switzerland organised a two-day Maxillofacial Trauma (MFT) international workshop recently. The course was conducted under the supervision of Course Director; Prof Noor ul Wahab, consultant and HOD Ziauddin University.

International faculty (Dr Issam Zairi and Dr Khalid Abdelgalil) and national speakers (Dr Noor ul Wahab, Dr Jahanzeb Mughal, Dr Adnan Aslam, Dr Gulraiz Zulfiqar, Dr Muhammad Shahab Ghani and Dr Tahera Ayooob) were



invited to provide lectures and facilitate small group discussion and hands-on sessions.

The session was kickstarted by lectures on mid and upper facial trauma.

Furthermore, small group discussions on the zygomatic arch, zygoma-complex, orbit, lefort, nasal, and frontal sinus fractures were held. The first day of the session concluded with a detailed hands-on session using skulls and models, where the participants practiced to refine their skills of management of complex midface fractures.

Day two of the workshop was also dedicated to lectures on 'Mandibular Trauma', followed by small group discussions and a detailed hands-on session on mandibular fractures and complex mandibular fractures.

It was an interactive two-day workshop which was concluded on question-answer session, certificate distribution and positive feedback by the participants. **-PR**

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'Long way to go in implementing technological advances' says Dr Yawar on Digital Dentistry

Digital Dentistry Workshop at Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences, JSMU

KARACHI: The digital era has brought a revolution in the field of dentistry. With the advent of digital technology, all aspects of diagnosis, treatment planning and patient management have been transformed. It is essential that dentists and dental students in Pakistan be cognizant of these advances, and be able to utilize these modalities to serve their patients with standards at par with the rest of the world.

Keeping this in mind, the Department of Operative Dentistry at Sindh Institute of Oral Health Sciences, under the leadership and guidance of Dean of Dentistry, Dr Syed Yawar Ali Abidi, organised a 2-day workshop on the theme of "Digital Dentistry" with emphasis on the understanding and hands-on use of the digital software of Cone-beam Computed Tomography (CBCT).

The workshop was facilitated by Dr Dil Rasheed, Principal CIMS Dental College and Mr Zulfiqar Ahmed Atiq, Software expert for CBCT. Vice Chancellor JSMU, Professor Amjad Siraj Memon appreciated the organisation of the seminar and workshop based on the contemporary requirements of the dental profession.

In this regard, he said that the students should play their role in serving humanity by using innovative techniques and information provided to them in this workshop and apply them in their clinical practice.

Addressing the participants, Dr Yawar thanked the guest speakers for their presence



and for providing an opportunity to the participants to learn about Digital Dentistry. He said that although we still have a long way to go in implementing technological advances in dentistry within Pakistan, sessions and workshops such as these can be considered a first step in this regard.

He advised that dental practitioners should reflect and modify their learning exponentially, keeping the international advancement into consideration. Dr Dil

Rasheed provided a detailed explanation of the basic dynamics of CBCT to the participants, and shared his clinical cases highlighting the utility of CBCT in endodontics and implantology.

The lecture was moderated by Dr Maham Muneeb, and was attended by eminent faculty and clinicians from across Karachi, as well as post-graduate trainees, house officers and students. Prof Zubair Abbasi acknowledged the guest speakers and students for their participation and shared interest at the end of the session, while Drs Samira Adnan, Maham Lone and Isma Sajjad presented the guest speakers with mementos of appreciation.

Later, Mr Zulfiqar conducted the comprehensive hands-on session for the participants where they were individually provided with computer systems to explore the CBCT software, while gaining in-depth understanding of all its features and application in various clinical scenarios including endodontic access and implant placement. More than 50 participants were trained on the software over two days. The participants thoroughly appreciated the efforts put forth by the facilitators, faculty, residents and staff of the Department of Operative Dentistry, particularly residents Dr Haider and Dr Minhaj, for the conduction of a unique and pertinent workshop and reported a significant enhancement in their learning and understanding of CBCT. **-PR**

No added sugar baby foods meaningless for breakfast BDA

DT Pakistan Report

UNITED KINGDOM: The British Dental Association (BDA) recently said that government needs to take notice of the misleading marketing claims made by children's food manufacturers. Latest findings show breakfast foods for adolescents and toddlers contain a high amount of sugar (upto 4 teaspoons) in each serving. However, more than half of such products in the market claim to have 'no added sugars' or 'only naturally occurring sugars' even though many of these contain sugars from fruit concentrates and purees. All of which are detrimental to dental health.



A BDA study of 109 baby pouches aimed at children aged under 12 months found over a quarter contained more sugar by volume than Coca Cola.

Whereas parents of toddlers

are the target market for such products that reportedly contain 150% of the sugar levels of a soft drink.

The BDA insists on there being accurate and transparent food

labels on such products, including the complete removal of misleading nutrition and health claims on baby and toddler food products.

BDA Chair Eddie Crouch said: 'The food industry is walking parents down the garden path, pushing sugar-laden products as "healthy options".

'Claims of "no added sugar" are utterly meaningless when toddlers are receiving four teaspoons over breakfast.

'Tooth decay is the number one reason for hospital admission among young children, and Ministers can't remain bystanders. Action here is a prerequisite if we're ever going to turn the tables on wholly preventable diseases.'

Colgate-Palmolive awards high achievers

KARACHI: Colgate-Palmolive, the worldwide leader in oral care, has recently organized Colgate awards ceremony for the graduates who securing the highest marks in the subjects of Community Dentistry and Periodontology in various dental colleges.

Colgate is a leading name that continuously strives to provide the best oral care products to solve multiple dental problems and also one of the oldest partner of the dental fraternity in Pakistan.

Keeping in view the same, Colgate awarded a Gold Medal, Shield, certificate, and a cash prize among the students of Ziauddin College of Dentistry, Bahria University Medical & Dental College, Hamdard College of Medicine & Dentistry and Jinnah Medical and Dental College, Karachi.

The recipients of the Colgate awards 2022 ceremonies

Ziauddin College of Dentistry

The ceremony was graced by Prof Dr Mervyn Hosein (Principal-ZCD) and Dr Abbas Zafar (Dean-Faculty of Health Sciences).

The winners of the Colgate awards were Dr Jaweria Memon-

Community Dentistry, and Dr Mahlaqa Maroof Ahmed - Periodontology.

The Chief Guest gave the winners a Gold Medal, a cash Prize of PKR-10000/-, a Colgate Shield and Certificate.

The ceremony was also attended by the HOD-Community and Periodontology department along with the other faculty members of the same department.

Bahria University Medical & Dental College

The Rector & Director General Bahria University was the chief guest on the occasion and also the ceremony was attended, among others, by the Dean, Principal and Vice Principal of the Dental section. HODs of the Community dentistry and Periodontology departments were also present.

Dr Anmol Zaman Satti - Community Dentistry, and Dr Umm-e-Habiba - Periodontology was declare award winner students.

The Rector and the Principal of the dental section appreciated and thanked Colgate-Palmolive for organizing the awards.



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Hamdard College of Medicine & Dentistry

At the Hamdard University Dental Hospital annual dinner, Colgate awards were given to Dr Hafsa Munir - Community Dentistry and Dr Areesha Saleem - Periodontology.

Dr Syed Imran Hasan, principal dental section, was the chief guest on occasion and distributed the awards carried gold medal, shield and certificate, and cash prize of Rs 10,000/ each.

Jinnah Medical and Dental College

The ceremony recently organized for the recipients of Colgate awards at JMDC.

The principal of the dental section, Dr Junaid Lakhani, presented and distributed the

award to the winners were Dr Saba Jawed - Community Dentistry and Dr Shaeroz Raza Periodontology.

Dr Syed Sarosh Mehdi -Head of Community dentistry, and Dr Ujala Head of the Periodontology department, were also present at the occasion.

All the Principals of the dental colleges expressed their gratitude towards this initiative taken by Colgate Palmolive to encourage students to perform better and work harder, as well as strengthen the ties between the fraternity and Colgate-Palmolive with such activities. Colgate remains one of the most cherished members of the dental community, inhabiting in itself a sense of inspiration and determination expressed through rewarding activities to encourage the dentists of the future. **-PR**

Good periodontal status necessary for implant-bone interface: Seminar

LAHORE: Akhtar Saeed Medical and Dental College (AMDC) aims to educate dental graduates about the latest advancements in the field of dentistry.

A seminar on the topic of "Implant-bone Interface" was recently held at Akhtar Saeed Medical and Dental College. Dr Sabir Hussain Principal Akhtar Saeed Dental College (ASDC) organised this event. Program started with the recitation of Holy Quran.

Guest speaker was Dr Muhammad Faisal Rana currently working as a consultant Periodontist and Implantologist in Kuwait University. He is a foreign well-qualified dentist. He obliged us with visiting our campus. He shed some light on basics of the implant and bone interface. He described the role of periodontal conditions of the patient and its impact on the implant stability.

According to him, the Periodontal status of a patient is the key to success for any clinical

procedure. Basic periodontal examination (BPE) scoring is universally accepted for concluding the prognosis of the treatment plan. He stated that this scoring should be done by every general dental practitioner. According to the



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new classification of periodontal diseases 2017 BPE score of 3 is best suitable for implant placement.

It gives us clues about the loopholes which can lead to implant failure. So Implant-bone interface is the critical area which needs to be properly evaluated before the actual procedure.

Today, patients choose implants as their last option to correct esthetics as well as mastication. His opinion was that nothing can replace a natural tooth neither a fixed nor a removable prosthesis. If a person maintains his oral hygiene and takes care of his periodontium with proper brushing and flossing methods, he or she will not be prone to poor dental health.

He shared two cases with us for better understanding of the topic. Through these cases he enlightened the prevalence of the periodontal diseases. Peri-implantitis was also discussed in detail. He further stated that the predictive outcomes for the success of implant largely depend on the maintenance of oral hygiene. Methods to cope the implant failures were also discussed.

There was a question and answer session at the end. All the faculty members and house officers participated in the session followed by bundle of thanks by the principal. **-PR**