

***Summary of the results of the questionnaire  
(WG Relation between Dental Practitioner and Universities)***

***Clinical guidelines and their use in dental practice as supportive tool***

*Participants were mostly: over 40 years (52%); in practice for less than 20 years (60%); general practitioners (65%); in private practice (75%); in individual or group practice (80%)*

*Clinical guidelines are known (68%) and implemented (61%) by majority of the responding dentists (68%). 81% believed in the benefit of clinical guidelines for dental practice.*

*Clear differences were observed between the respondents from different countries based on local/geographical circumstances, age, years of professional practice, etc.*

*More than half (57%) believed that there is role for NDAs, especially in creating a general awareness on clinical guidelines. Majority (> 80 %) felt that NDAs and dental faculties could collaborate for developing and disseminating clinical guidelines.*

*Both patients and dentists equally benefited from the implementation of clinical guidelines into practice.*

*Lack of awareness of clinical guidelines was the first reason for not implementing clinical guidelines into daily practice.*

*NDAs may need to consider the suggested role for them in collaborating with dental faculties in:*

- developing evidence-based clinical guidelines;*
- disseminating clinical guidelines;*
- increasing the implementation of clinical guidelines into practice.*

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