EDITORIAL

The purpose of the undergraduate dental curriclum is to prepare future dental surgeons and dental specialists, however there is a lack of consensus in the adoption of a common educational model in order to achieve this goal.

Dental profession has been considered the most stressful of all the health professions although the documented proof for this claim is still required. It is however, known that dental surgeons may experience occupational stress from their interaction with their patients and staff, fears of physical violence or litigation from their patients, concerns about their financial viability of their practice resulting from defective materials and equipment.

Researchers in Pakistan Dental College are required to conduct studies to determine the degree of psychological distress and the experience of emotional exhaustion, and the extent of stress associated with course work and to compare these measurements with similar studies done in other developing countries, USA and Europe.

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