

EDITORIAL

Life is full of paradoxes and dental profession has its own share. About twenty years ago dental community had been complaining about apathy of Pakistani people towards their dental health problems. Now increasingly large number are visiting dental clinics and dental surgeons have started charging very high fees. Will that make people more dental health conscious?

It is true that costs of setting up and maintaining a dental clinic are getting out of control. The rental values of clinic premises have considerably increased, dental materials have become expensive, personnel salaries & procurement costs of dental equipment have gone up.

Dental profession in Pakistan has been shy in discussing monetary problems in dental congresses.

A planned comprehensive approach is necessary to safeguard the interest of dental health personnel & the public. When the house is on fire, using only buckets of water will not quench the blaze.

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