

Editorial

Should Research Publications for Dental Postgraduates be Compulsory?

Today the best way to measure the scientific progress of dentistry in a country is by evaluating the quality of research and number of articles published by their faculty and postgraduate students in Journals with high impact factors. A primary task of a researcher is the communication of technical results to the broader scientific community. Research in dental sciences is important to improve health care needs of the citizens of the country. Lack of attention to research by the government and the educated members of a community may contribute to lag in scientific knowledge within the community.¹ Research activity among postgraduate dental students is very important as it ensures better clinical care, critical reasoning and enables the student to involve in future research activity.² Faculty members who involve themselves in research and publications serve as a role model for their students.³

Studies have shown the role of staff in teaching research principles to students.⁴⁻⁶ It is the prime responsibility of the faculty members to motivate the students to do the genuine good quality research with the aim that it should be beneficial for the society and also to publish their research in a journal with high impact factor. The changes that might bring dental education to the next level in India could be done by making compulsory the quality research publications into postgraduate curriculum by the Dental Council of India. The different dental societies in the country should encourage postgraduate students to submit good research articles to their journals which will be beneficial to the dental community in general and also to improve the impact factor of the journal in particular.



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