Key learnings from the GPHP survey on periodontal health

Conducted by FDI between June and October 2017, the survey asked FDI National Dental Associations 19 questions on periodontal health relating to 1) national health policies, 2) health information systems, 3) education and workforces and 4) national prevention and promotion efforts by NDAs.

Lack of awareness

Only 50% of surveyed NDAs promoted periodontal health through annual national campaigns

Call for recognition of periodontists worldwide

- UNDERGRADUATE: 81%
- CONTINUING EDUCATION: 46%
- POSTGRADUATE: 42%

Only 42% of respondents reported the availability of full-time postgraduate programmes specialized in periodontics in their countries

Insufficient policy enforcement

Periodontal screening is mandatory in only 50% of the countries surveyed

Need for a global set of resources


There are no common or globally accepted resources for periodontal health information