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ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ ЭФФЕКТИВНОСТИ ПРЕПОДАВАНИЯ ПРОФИЛЬНЫХ ПРЕДМЕТОВ СТУДЕНТАМ СТОМАТОЛОГИЧЕСКОГО ФАКУЛЬТЕТА С ПЕРВОГО СЕМЕСТРА

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Аннотация

Введение. Поддержание гигиены полости рта, включая борьбу с зубным налетом, является одним из главных факторов в предотвращении заболеваний. Врачам стоматологического профиля необходимо мотивировать пациентов на заботу о полости рта, а также обучать их выбору средств гигиены и правильным техникам их использования. Поэтому важно начинать обучение будущих специалистов правилам гигиены полости рта как можно раньше. Цель исследования – выявление отличий в знаниях и отношении к гигиене полости рта между студентами 1–2 и 4–5 курсов стоматологического факультета УГМУ для оценки эффективности обучения студентов 1–2 курсов профильным предметам. Материал методы. Было проведено одноцентровое, контролируемое, открытое исследование среди студентов 1-2 и 4-5 курсов стоматологического факультета УГМУ. В исследовании приняли участие 100 студентов в возрасте от 17 до 25 лет, которым было предложено пройти русскую версию опросника закрытого типа Hiroshima University - Dental Behavioural Inventory (HU-DBI), разработанной Макото Кавамура и др. Полученные данные обработаны с помощью программы Excel версии 2019 года представлены в виде таблиц. Результаты. Большинство студентов продемонстрировали эрудированность в вопросах выбора средств гигиены полости рта, а также их использовании. Выводы. Обучение студентов начальных курсов профильным предметам оказалось эффективным, так как в вопросах гигиены полости рта их знания приближены к знаниям старших курсов.

Ключевые слова: осведомленность, гигиена полости рта, стоматологическое образование.

STUDY OF THE EFFICIENCY OF PROFILE SUBJECTS TAUGHT TO STUDENTS OF THE DENTAL FACULTY FROM THE FIRST SEMESTER OF THE FIRST YEAR

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Abstract

Introduction. Maintaining oral hygiene including plaque control is one of the main issues in preventing oral diseases. Dental practitioners should motivate their patients to take care of their oral health, as well as teach them to choose the hygiene products and techniques. Therefore, it is important to begin training future professionals in oral hygiene as early as possible. The purpose of the study is to find out the differences in knowledge and attitude to oral hygiene among the first and second-year students as well as fourth and fifth-year students of USMU Faculty of Dentistry to assess the effectiveness of teaching junior students the profile subjects. Material and methods. We did a single-center, controlled, open-label study among 1-2- and 4-5-years students of the Faculty of Dentistry at USMU. 100 students aged 17 to 25 years participated in the survey using the Russian version of the Hiroshima University – Dental Behavioural Inventory (HU-DBI), developed by M. Kawamura et al. We analyzed the data using Excel 2019 and presented the results in the form of tables. **Results.** Most students demonstrated competence in the choice of oral hygiene products, as well as in their use. Conclusions. Teaching junior students profile subjects turned out to be effective, because in matters of oral heals their knowledge is similar to the knowledge of senior students.

Keywords: awareness, oral hygiene, dental education.

INTRODUCTION

Oral health is an integral part of the overall well-being of the human body. According to WHO, dental caries and periodontitis are the most common health problems in the world [1]. Maintaining oral hygiene including plaque control is one of the main factors in preventing oral diseases [2,4]. Dental practitioners should motivate their patients to take care of their oral health, as well as educate them on the choice of hygiene products and techniques for their use. Therefore, it is important to begin training future professionals in oral hygiene as early as possible. In 2021, such subject as Healthy Lifestyle in Dentistry was added to the curriculum of the first year of the USMU Faculty of Dentistry; in addition, the subject of Propaedeutic Dentistry was taught to students in the first semester of the first year instead of the second semester, which was earlier. Thus, students gained specialized knowledge from their first days at the university.

The purpose of the study – to find out the differences in knowledge and attitude to oral hygiene between the students of 1-2 and 4-5 years of USMU Faculty of Dentistry to assess the effectiveness of teaching profile subjects to students of 1-2 years.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

We did a single-center, controlled, open-label study among 1-2- and 4-5-year students of the Faculty of Dentistry at USMU. The study involved 100 students aged 17 to 25 years who were administered the Russian version of the Hiroshima University – Dental Behavioural Inventory (HU-DBI), developed by M. Kawamura et al. from the Department of Preventive Dentistry, Hiroshima University Faculty of Dentistry, Japan [3]. The study group consisted of 50 students in years 1-2 and 50 students in years 4-5. 1 point was awarded for each «yes» answer to questions 4, 9, 11, 12, 16, 19 and for each «no» answer to questions 2, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 15. The

maximum possible score was 12 and the minimum possible score was 0. The higher the score, the better the respondents' attitude to oral hygiene and their skills. The obtained statistical data was processed using Excel 2019 and presented in the form of tables.

RESULTS

Survey participants were divided into groups based on gender and year of the study (Table 1).

Average score of respondents by year and gender

Table 1

Year of study	Quantity	Median
1-2	50	6
4-5	50	8
Female	80	6
Male	20	6

Table 2 Statistics of the responses of dental students to the questions of the survey depending on the year of study

No	Question	-	1–2-year	4–5 year
			students, (%)	students, %
1	I do not worry much about	Yes	9 (36%)	19 (38%)
	visiting the dentist	No	32 (64%)	31 (62%)
2	My gums tend to bleed	Yes	4 (8%)	6 (12%)
	when I brush my teeth	No	46 (92%)	44 (68%)
3	I worry about the color of	Yes	45 (90%)	35 (70%)
	my teeth	No	5 (10%)	15 (30%)
4	I have noticed white sticky	Yes	11(22%)	22 (44%)
	deposits on my teeth	No	39 (78%)	28 (56%)
5	I use a child-size	Yes	6 (12%)	16 (32%)
	toothbrush	No	44 (88%)	34 (68%)
6	I think that I cannot help	Yes	13 (26%)	16 (32%)
	having false teeth when I	No	37 (74%)	34 (68%)
	am old			
7	I am bothered by the color	Yes	9 (18%)	5 (10%)
	of my gums	No	41 (82%)	45 (90%)
8	I think my teeth are getting	Yes	7 (14%)	8 (16%)
	worse despite my daily	No	43 (86%)	42 (84%)
	brushings			
9	I brush each of my teeth	Yes	41 (82%)	39 (78%)
	carefully	No	9 (18%)	11 (22%)

10	I have never been taught	Yes	12 (24%)	13 (26%)
	professionally how to	No	38 (76%)	37 (74%)
	brush			
11	I think I can clean my	Yes	21 (42%)	13 (26%)
	teeth well without using a	No	29 (58%)	37 (74%)
	toothbrush			
12	I often check my teeth in	Yes	47 (94%)	38 (76%)
	the mirror after brushing	No	3 (6%)	12 (24%)
13	I worry about having bad	Yes	11 (22%)	7 (14%)
	breath	No	39 (78%)	43 (86%)
14	It is impossible to prevent	Yes	42 (84%)	34 (68%)
	gum diseases with	No	8 (16%)	16 (32%)
	toothbrushing alone			
15	I put off going to the	Yes	20 (40%)	14 (28%)
	dentist until I have a	No	30 (60%)	36 (72%)
	toothache			
16	I have used a dye to see	Yes	7 (14%)	14 (28%)
	how clean my teeth are	No	43 (86%)	36 (72%)
17	I use a toothbrush which	Yes	10 (20%)	3 (6%)
	has hard bristles	No	40 (80%)	47 (94%)
18	I do not feel I have	Yes	16 (32%)	8 (16%)
	brushed well unless I press	No	34 (68%)	42 (84%)
	my brush hard			
19	I feel I sometimes take too	Yes	11(22%)	21 (42%)
	much time to brush my	No	39 (78%)	29 (58%)
	teeth			
20	My dentist told me that I	Yes	34 (68%)	31 (62%)
	brush my teeth well	No	16 (32%)	19 (38%)

DISCUSSION

Table 2 shows the statistics of the answers to the survey questions separately, depending on the year of study. 4-5-year students are more likely to notice plaque on their teeth (22% vs 44%), even though they are more likely to think they take too long to brush their teeth (22% vs 42%). Nearly half of the 1–2-year students think they can brush their teeth well without flossing (42%). Only 26% of 4–5-year students answered positively to the same question. 1 and 2-year students also were more likely to check the condition of their teeth after brushing then 4–5-year students (94% vs 76%). 1–2-year students were more likely to postpone a visit to the dentist until they had oral pain (40% vs 28%). In addition, they were more likely to choose a

toothbrush with stiff bristles (20% vs 6%) and to exert more effort when brushing their teeth (32% vs 26%).

All dental students brush their teeth thoroughly and rarely complain about halitosis, bleeding, or gum color. Most students make sure they visit the dentist regularly. In addition, both groups of students are quite often told by their dentists that their oral hygiene is good. Even though 1 and 2-year students statistically showed lower results the difference between them and 4 and 5- year students were not very big.

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Most of all students do not use additional oral hygiene products, but there is a trend for using such products by senior students.
- 2. Most students demonstrated competence in the choice of oral hygiene products and in their use.
- 3. The study of profile subjects by junior students turned out to be effective, because their knowledge of oral hygiene issues is similar to that of the senior students.

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