

PRACTICE 1

1. Title of the Practice

Basic Implant Training Programme

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To enable interns who have limited knowledge of dental implants to gain further exposure.
- To enable the students to understand the fundamentals of Implant treatment from a clinical perspective.

3. The Context

- Implant Dentistry is one of the most dynamic and rapidly developing areas in oral health care. However, it is a relatively new discipline within dental education and remains limited to post graduate courses. Hence, an attempt has been made to extend this programme to the interns to enable them to widen their knowledge in order to keep abreast with current trends.

4. The Practice

- The new interns are exposed to a series of lectures on Implantology and its clinical practice. This introduces them to the basics of implantology and also covers the steps/ procedures involved in placing an implant.
- This is then followed by a hands-on programme where implant placement is demonstrated on a 3D model by the faculty. Each intern then places implants by himself/herself on the 3D model provided, under the guidance of the faculty.
- The interns then complete rotatory internship posting in the Department of Implantology, wherein they assist in the implant placement and the prosthetic phase.

Constraints/limitations faced during the practice were:

- Due to time constraints, longer duration of posting in Implantology was not feasible

5. Evidence of Success

- The interns are asked to fill feedback forms after the lecture series, after the hands-on programme and one after the completion of their posting in the department of

Implantology. The results indicate that almost all of the interns find this programme to be benefitting with regards to expanding their knowledge and clinical exposure.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

All aspects of Implantology had to be simplified to make it easy to understand at an undergraduate level.

PRACTICE 2

1. Title of the Practice

Interns' Career Guidance Program

2. Objectives of the Practice

- To create awareness among students regarding available career options and help them in identifying their career objectives
- To provide guidance and assistance for the students to achieve their career goals

3. The Context

The undergraduate students, after clearing their final exams and upon entering the rotatory internship period, find themselves on cross roads, as to what and how they need to pursue on the career front. Hence, this practice enables them to take a giant leap towards their career goals based on sound decision making.

4. The Practice

Career Guidance Program for the Interns is carried out in the institution for the overall development of the students on the professional front.

- A series of lectures on career guidance is extended to the students once they join internship
- Invited guest speakers and in-house staff address the interns on various subjects such as job opportunities in India and abroad- both in dental and allied fields, ethical practices and human values, soft skills, clinical set-up, career for dentists in the digital front, higher education and its scope, and research oriented job opportunities, to name a few.

The distinctness of this practice is to guide students establish a proper identity for themselves during their period of confusion by motivating them to develop a readiness for choices and changes, thereby leading to their overall development in their professional and personal life.

Constraints/limitations faced during the practice were:

There is a lack of tailor made career guidance based on individual student strength and weakness.

5. Evidence of Success

Having had a better understanding of the career options, the students may develop an interest and orient themselves in pursuing the course of their choice to become competent professionals.

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

Difficulty in keeping a continuous track of the placements and change in career options opted by the passed out students.

Additional manpower to enable a customized career guidance based on each student's strength and weakness.