ABSTRACT

Through the bachelor thesis I open the issue of dental literacy for non-medical health workers. The World Health Organization points out the importance of high health literacy and health education. Therefore, I decided to elaborate the final work on this topic and thus find out the level of dental literacy at various clinics. The theoretical part describes health literacy, anatomy and pathology of oral cavity and current knowledge of literacy in dentistry. The basis for the work I drew mainly on the basis of the research in the National Medical Library. From the catalog of the National Medical Library Medvik, the BMC database (Bibliographia medica čechoslovaca), the specialized databases CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) and MEDLINE (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System Online), from a personal source of professional literature, expert consultation with dental doctors and dental hygienists, own experience and other bachelor theses. The aim of this work is to create an information leaflet to address health professionals in the field of care.

Methods: The work was elaborated on the basis of quantitative research by means of anonymous non-standardized questionnaire in printed form. The target group was non-medical health professionals.

Objective: The main goal was to evaluate dentistry literacy in non-medical healthcare professionals. Also finding out about their habits in oral care and prevention.

Results: The research results showed that the areas of dental literacy for non-medical workers are not dependent on their highest educational attainment.

Conclusion: The data show that half of the respondents neglect to care for their oral cavity by not attending a general dentist or dental hygienist.

Contribution: Creating an information leaflet for non-medical health care professionals to help raise awareness of oral cavity disease prevention and inform them about how to find a dentist and dental hygienist.

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