Assessment of the awareness level of dental students towards Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus

Mohammed Yasser Kharma
Aleppo University, Syria

Objective: To assess the knowledge and attitudes towards Middle East Respiratory Syndrome-Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) among dental students.

Methods: A questionnaire was made according to MOH information and 200 of dental students (Al Farabi College/Jeddah) were interviewed to evaluate their knowledge about MERS-CoV.

Results: More than half of the dental student 54% interviewed had good knowledge about the etiology, symptoms and treatment of MERS-CoV. Measurements for infection control and protection were also known 79%. This information collected by students through College 27%, MOH 25%, Media 24%, Social community 23%, while 17% of interviewed had no idea before.

Conclusion: Dental students had good knowledge about MERS-CoV. However more information still must be provided by MOH, college for medical staff.

Biography
Mohammed Yasser Kharma, BDS, CES, DEA, AEA, is a Lecturer of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, Aleppo University, Syria; Vice Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Aleppo University (1997-1999); Consultant of Oral Surgery, Al-Fanateer Hospital, Al-Jubail, KSA 1999-July/2004. He served as Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry, Aleppo University, Syria; Head of Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery/Faculty of Dentistry/Aleppo university, 1/9/2010/ until 1/9/2012 and Head of Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery at AlFarabi College for dentistry/Jeddah-KSA/ from 1/9/2012/ to till date and Professor in Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery at AlFarabi College for Dentistry/Jeddah-KSA to till date.

mykharma@hotmail.com