

## Assessment of radiation protection knowledge, attitude and practice of staff in dental radiography

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### Abstract

**Introduction:** Dental radiography is one of the medical imaging modalities. Radiation protection knowledge, practice and attitude in staff play a principle role in radiation protection. This study aimed to assess radiation protection KAP between staff in dental radiology.

**Methods:** A survey by questionnaire was performed across the three general categories of healthcare center (educational university, public and private) in 9 healthcare markets (Alborz, Golestan, Ghom, Kermanshah, Khorasan Razavi, Kordestan, Mazandaran, Semnan, Tehran) in 2014-15. The multiple choice questionnaire consisted of 61 questions on various aspects of demographic characteristics and knowledge, attitude and practice about radiation protection. The collected data were analyzed by the One-Way ANOVA.

**Result:** Our findings showed that there was not any significant relation between sex ( $P = 0.48 > 0.05$ ) and work experience ( $P = 0.61 > 0.05$ ) of participants and radiation protection KAP. Also a statistically significant difference was found between period of time after graduation and radiation protection KAP ( $P = 0 < 0.05$ ). In addition, according to analyses, there was a significant difference between size of healthcare center and KAP ( $P = 0.04 < 0.05$ ), but there was not any significant relation between type of healthcare center and KAP ( $P = 0.8 > 0.05$ ). There was a significant relation between region and healthcare center and KAP ( $P = 0 < 0.05$ ).

**Conclusion:** The result of our study showed the level of radiation protection KAP associated with period of time after graduation of participant, size of the healthcare center and region.

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