

## EVALUATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDES OF YEMENI GENERAL DENTAL PRACTITIONERS TOWARDS THE PORCELAIN LAMINATE VENEERS

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** The present study assessed the knowledge and attitude of Yemeni General Dental Practitioners (GDPs) in private clinics towards the porcelain laminate veneer (PLV).

**Method:** In this cross sectional study, questionnaire was designed and distributed to 340 respondents and 270 questionnaires were completed and returned. The questionnaire composed of two parts. The first part includes the demographic characteristics of participate. The second consist of close end question related to the knowledge and attitude of participants, and the main obstacles hindering the use of PLVs.

**Results:** The majority (97.8%) of Yemeni GDPs in the private clinics had previous scientific information. 50% of them acquired the knowledge from the faculty and 50% from other sources. 60.4% of the participants never practiced it in clinics, whereas 90% of the participants supported the use of PLVs in private clinics. 50.4% of participants said that the main obstacle was the patient.

**Conclusion:** The low level of scientific knowledge and training on PLV restorations was associated with the low level of applying this restoration in Yemeni dental private clinics. Therefore, applying continuous education programs among the GDPs could improve the knowledge and attitudes to PLV restorations in private dental clinics.

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