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QUESTIONNAIRE

Part A:

I am going to request to you fill a few details about yourself.

1. You are a:

- a. Practitioner
- b. PG student
- c. Currently not working

2. Your experience in terms of number of tooth extractions done:

- a. 50-60 extractions
- b. 60- 80extractions
- c. 80-100extractions
- d. > 100 extractions

Part B

1. Is consent taking necessary in everyday dental practice with patients?

- a. Yes
- b. No

2. A) What do you think autonomy is?

- a. The ultimate decision regarding treatment done by the doctor alone
- b. The ultimate decision regarding treatment is done by patient alone
- c. The ultimate decision regarding treatment is done equally by both patient and doctor
- d. The patient is persuaded to accept a treatment decided by the doctor

B) How is autonomy related to an iatrogenic error scenario like extraction of the wrong tooth?

- a. Patient has the right to be informed about the iatrogenic error occurred in his/her mouth without any compensation
- b. Patient has the right to be informed about the iatrogenic error occurred in his/her mouth with any compensation
- c. Doctor should not disclose the error

3. According to your opinion which among the following do you think is an example of maleficence/alleged negligence in dental practice? (Multiple options can be selected if required)

- a. Overhanging restoration
- b. Dry socket
- c. High points in restoration
- d. Unintentional extraction of wrong tooth
- e. Recurrent Periodontitis
- f. Missed canal in Root Canal treatment
- g. Severed Lingual or Inferior Alveolar Nerve
- h. Fracture of mandible
- i. Perforation in Root Canal Treatment
- j. Any others. (If yes kindly mention)

Part C

Dr. ABC owns a dental clinic in town. ABC attends an extraction procedure, in which he was supposed to extract a carious upper right first premolar, but accidentally extracts a healthy upper right second premolar. Dr.ABC convinces the patient that the tooth adjacent to the one to be extracted is also infected and has to be removed, followed by which Dr.ABC extracts the upper right first premolar.

1. Is it important to inform the patient about the mishap?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. May be
- d. I don't know

2. Is autonomy of the patient affected if you do not inform the patient about the mishap of removing the wrong tooth?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. May be
- d. I don't know

3. Do you think this mishap, though accidental, is considered as malfeasance(meaning committing harm)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. May be
- d. I don't know

4.The dentist who discloses his or her mistakes verbally is less likely to be complained about. Is this correct?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. May be
- d. I don't know

Part D

1. What would you advise Dr. ABC if he was your friend?

- a. I will adviceDr.ABC to inform the patient about the mishap occurred
- b. I will advice Dr. ABC to not inform the patient and send the patient back after charging for extraction of two teeth
- c. I will adviceDr.ABC not to inform the patient and charge for only extraction of one tooth
- d. I will advice Dr. ABC to inform the patient and replant the wrongly extracted tooth using the best option applicable

2. Are there allegations of negligence by dental practitioners to your knowledge?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. May be
- d. I don't Know

3. If yes, can you describe such an experience you heard about recently?