

Supplementary Material

Interprofessional communication between general dental practitioners and general medical practitioners: a qualitative study

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Appendix S1 Questionnaire for General Medical Practitioner and General Dental Practitioner

Questions	Answers
1 I have read and understood the information and aims for the research study, and agree to take part of in it. I understand that any information I provide may be used in academic or professional journals/ conferences. However, no personal identifiers will be used in the preparation of this material.	Yes, I agree to take part No, I would prefer not to participate
2 Are you:	Male Female
3 What is your age?	(Open response)
4 Ethnicity	(Open response)
5 Where did you complete your primary medical/dental degree qualification?	New Zealand Australia Other (please specify)
6 In which year did you obtain your primary medical/ dental degree?	(Please specify qualification year)
7 Have you obtained any further qualifications following your primary medical/ dental degree?	No Yes (please specify qualification, institution and year obtained)
8 How long have you been practising as a general medical practitioner/ general dental practitioner?	Less than 2 years 2 to 5 years 5 to 10 years Over 10 years
9 Have you practised in other countries outside New Zealand?	No If yes, please specify the country and years of practice in each countries
10 Which location are you practising in?	Urban Rural
11 Which sector are you working in?	Private Public Both (Please give an approximate percentage of time you spend working in the private sector)
12 What is the rough mean number of patients in your practice in a year?	(Open response)
13 Do you have any other additional comments?	(Open response)

Appendix S2. Interview questions

Interview questions

- 1** What is your experience of working with general dental practitioners/physicians in New Zealand?

 - (a) What are your thoughts on/do you think of the communication between general dental practitioners and general physicians in New Zealand? Is it neglected?
 - (b) Do you contact general dental practitioners/general physicians? If yes, how often?
 - (c) Why would you think it is important to contact the patient's dental practitioners/physicians?
 - (d) How do you contact them? (through what media)
 - (e) What is the content of the communication between you and the dental practitioners/physicians?

 - 2** Based on your past experiences, how would you determine the quality of the interaction?

 - (a) What do you think of the consequences if there is a lack of communication between these two healthcare professionals?
 - (b) What do you think are the advantages of communication between general dental practitioners and general physicians?

 - 3** What are the circumstances where you would contact a general dental practitioner/physician?

 - 4** Can you give some examples from your practice?

 - 5** What could be the barriers of communication between these two healthcare professionals?

 - 6** Do you have any recommendations or thoughts regarding the future collaboration with other fields of health professionals?
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