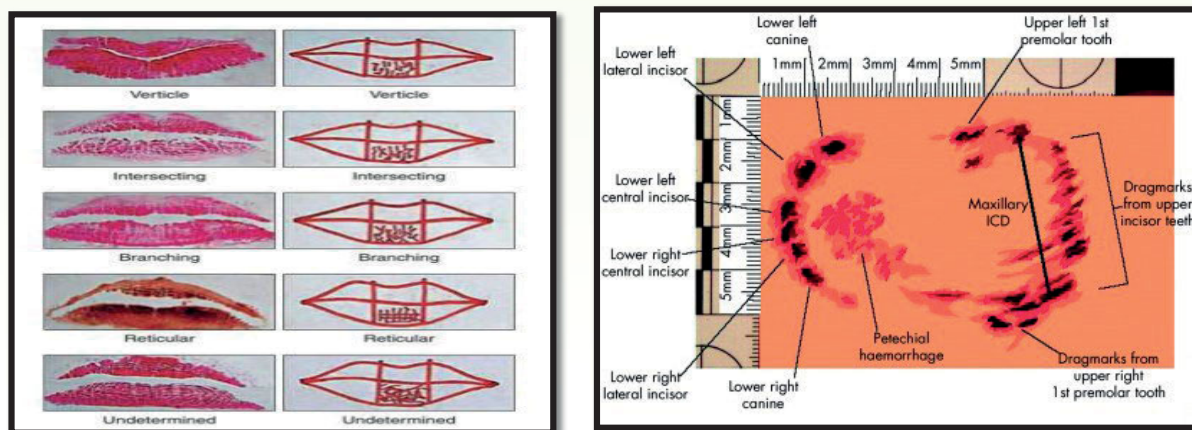
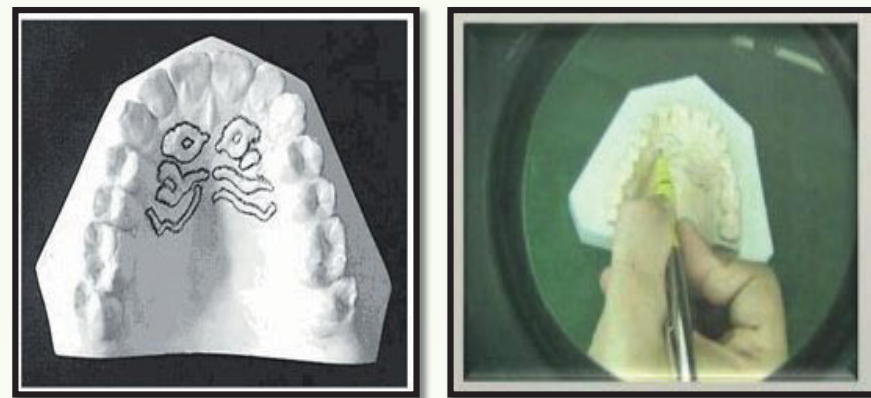


Awareness of Forensic Odontology among Interns and Postgraduate students at the University of Gurgaon, India

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INTRODUCTION: Forensic odontology deals with the proper handling, examination, and presentation of dental evidence for judicial purposes. Worldwide, forensic odontology has taken huge steps in methodological advancements. However, in India this field is still behind in this concern. Therefore, the need for proper knowledge and awareness of forensics among interns and postgraduate students is important for understanding the importance of dental investigation with forensic odontology.



OBJECTIVES:

- To assess and evaluate the knowledge and interest of forensic odontology among interns and postgraduate students in an institution.
- To analyse attitudes towards forensic odontology among interns and postgraduate students in an institution.

MATERIALS AND METHOD:

- An institution-based study was conducted among 150 students, including medical & dental interns and dental postgraduates.
- A validated customized questionnaire containing 16 questions divided into 2 sections (section one was mandatory, whereas section two was for dental interns and postgraduates only) was given to the participants.
- The responses received were interpreted and analysed.

CONCLUSION:

This study conducted among 150 students concludes that postgraduates have more knowledge and awareness of the importance and understanding of forensic odontology as a part of forensic sciences, whereas interns lack interest and knowledge, as forensics is less included as a part of their academic curriculum.

Hence, forensic odontology should be effectively included as a separate subject in the academic curriculum to encourage students towards better understanding and as a field of interest.

RESULTS: Fig.1 Percentage score of participants on basis of knowledge, awareness and attitude

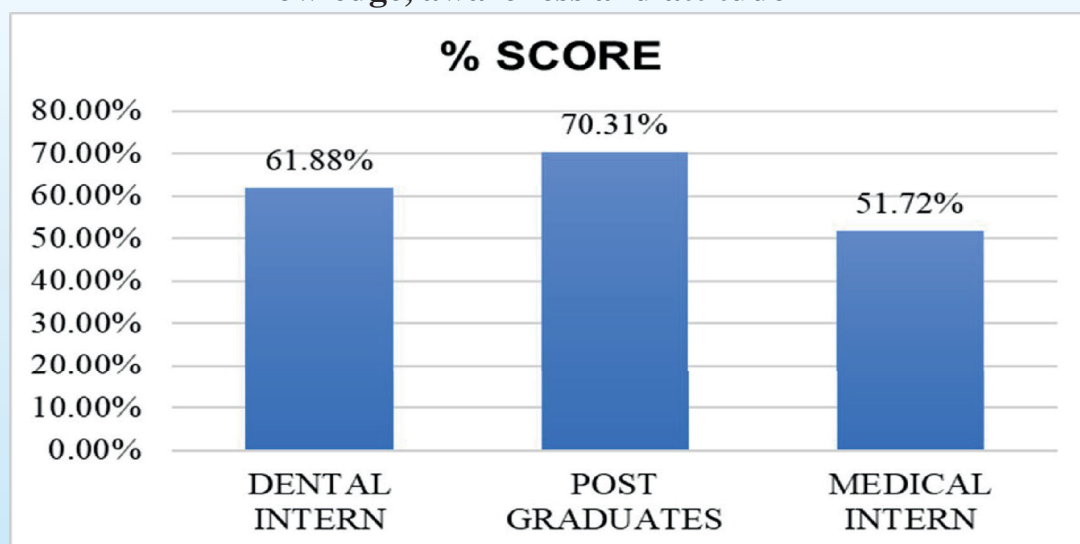


Fig.2 Participants source of knowledge

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How did you get to know about Forensic Odontology and Forensic Science? (Can choose more than One)

