

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Professionalism

Keeping skills and knowledge up to date throughout the career is of utmost importance for perfect professionalism. In accordance to keep abreast with future advanced dentistry, we all must intentionally and continuously focus on updating our skills and knowledge.

Myanmar Dental Association is pleased to partner with FDI (*Fédération dentaire internationale*) World Dental Federation, local as well as international Medical and Dental Universities, Non Government Organizations (NGOs) and Medical Research Centers to provide continuing professional development as part of **Myanmar Dental Council, Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee**. Through the Committee, we promote our dental profession by providing high level continuous dental education, clinical excellence, as well as dental and oral research relevant to the profession.

CPD can support dentists and dental care professionals in maintaining and updating their skills, knowledge and behavior throughout their working life and more. CPD for dental professionals is defined in law as lectures, seminars, courses, individual study and other related activities. Attending local and international conferences can be included in **CPD record** if they can be reasonably expected to advance professional development relevant to practice.

In many developing countries, undertaking **CPD record** is a compulsory part of registration with the General Dental Council. Dental professionals are highly recommended to do the minimum verifiable CPD requirements such as medical emergencies, disinfection and decontamination and radiography and radiation protection. We also need to keep up to date by doing CPD record in legal and ethical issues, complaint handling, early detection of oral cancer etc. in contribution to patients' safety.

As a registered dental professional, we must develop, maintain, and work within our professional knowledge and skills and make sure our personal behavior assures patients' confidence by adapting the CPD record. Then only can we provide the best possible treatment and care to patients. **Myanmar Dental Association** desires to join forces with other Medical and Dental Societies which will be to the benefit of all members and ultimately, is committed to serving our local community and the advancement of dentistry.

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