

## I. SUMMARY

This study investigated the level of awareness of dental treatment modalities available to treat dental caries, gingivitis, periodontitis, orthodontic problems and oral cancer. A total of 309 patients attending one government dental clinic and two private dental clinics were interviewed during the study.

Highly significant differences in awareness of dental treatment modalities existed among patients attending the three dental clinics and also among patients with different levels of education and income. But there was no significant difference in awareness of dental treatment modalities between males and females.

Apart from tertiary education group and high income group, others had relatively low awareness of treatment modalities. No schooling group, primary education group and low income group had very low awareness of treatment modalities for all five diseases considered in this study.

Generally patients are more aware of treatment modalities for dental caries than of treatment modalities for other four diseases considered in this study.