

Dear FDI members,

I hope this email finds you well. We are conducting a comprehensive survey aimed at national dental associations, and we would greatly value your participation.

The purpose of this survey is to gather detailed insights into how various national dental associations define, regulate, and tackle the challenges of illegal dental practice. Your responses will play a crucial role in shaping a better understanding of the global landscape of dental practice regulations and the effectiveness of measures employed to ensure safe and legal oral healthcare.

We understand that your time is valuable, and I assure you that the survey is designed to be as straightforward and time-efficient as possible. The insights you provide will not only contribute to a broader knowledge base but will also aid in the development of more effective strategies and collaborative efforts against illegal dental practices worldwide.

Please find the link to the survey [Insert link or attachment]. We kindly ask that you complete it by 29th February. The responses will be used to generate a report that will be shared with national dental associations in 2024.

Your expertise and input are invaluable to us, and we look forward to your valuable contribution. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at REngland@fdiworldldental.org.

Thank you in advance for your time and participation.

Sincerely,

Dr Mick Armstrong,

Chair, Dental Practice Committee

What is the name of your national dental association?

In which country is your national dental association based? **Drop down menu**

How many registered dentists are currently members of your association? **Number box**

How does your national dental association define and categorize illegal dental practice within your country's legal framework? **Text box**

Are there specific examples or criteria that your association uses to distinguish between legal and illegal dental procedures or practitioners? **Text box**

Are there any estimates or data on the prevalence of illegal dental practice in your country?
Yes/No/Don't know. If yes how much **Text box**

Do people conduct illegal dental practice for cultural reasons in your country? **Yes/No/Don't know**

What specific actions has your association taken to combat illegal dental practice? **Text box**

Are there legal provisions and regulations in place to address illegal dental practice in your country?

Yes/No/Don't know

How would you rate the effectiveness of these legal provisions and regulations in curbing illegal dental practice? Effective/Ineffective/Don't know

Are there any major challenges or obstacles in enforcing regulations against illegal dental practice?

Yes/No/Don't know – If yes what? Text box

Does your association collaborate with law enforcement agencies or regulators to address illegal dental practice? Yes/No/Don't know

What educational and awareness programs does your association provide to inform the public about the dangers of illegal dental services? Text box

Are there any specific regions or areas within your country where illegal dental practice is more prevalent? Rural/Urban/Don't know

What are the common types of illegal dental procedures or activities that your association encounters? Text box

Are there any reported cases of harm or complications resulting from illegal dental procedures in your country? Yes/No/Don't know

Does your association work with other healthcare organizations to address the issue of illegal dental practice? Yes/No/Don't know

What kind of support or resources do you require to better combat illegal dental practice? Text box

Have you conducted any surveys or studies on the economic impact of illegal dental practice on the dental profession and public health? Yes/No/Don't know

How does your association handle complaints or reports from the public regarding illegal dental practitioners? Text box

Are there any notable success stories or best practices in your country's efforts to combat illegal dental practice? Yes/No/Don't know If yes, please provide examples Text box

How can FDI World Dental Federation assist your association in addressing this issue? Text box

Do you have any recommendations or suggestions for global initiatives to combat the illegal practice of dentistry? Text box