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### ***Occupational Hazards in Primary Healthcare Dental Clinics in Gaza Strip- Cross Sectional Study***

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Dental professionals are at risk to many occupational hazards. They are predisposed to infections such as HIV and hepatitis; dental materials can cause dermatitis because of skin exposure from the incidents noise, radiation musculoskeletal disorders, psychological problems, respiratory disorders and eye insults. Skin exposure to incidents remains an important concern, as well as exposure to serious infectious agents represents additional risk. Goal and importance of study: The purpose of this study is to assess the level of awareness and attitudes about occupational hazards among dentists in dental clinics in Primary Health Care centers of MOH and to correlate the level of awareness with the level of practicing the safety measures against the occupational hazards. Also, to discuss safety rules that protect the dentists and their clients from occupational hazards. The results of this study may highlight the importance of adopting protective interventions and updated protocols to be applied routinely in the dental clinics of Gaza strip.