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Transformation of dental education patterns during COVID-19 in china

Abstract:

The end of 2019 saw the outbreak of COVID-19. During three years of anti-COVID-19 campaign in China, dynamic zero-COVID policy was consistently held on by the government. Along with the policy, dental education patterns in China were adjusted accordingly.

From the spring semester of 2020, online teaching was adopted by the majority of dental colleges in China, the top five ones were included, which were Beijing University School of Stomatology (BUSS), Sichuan University West China School of Stomatology (SUWCSS), Shanghai Jiaotong University School of Stomatology (SJUSS, formerly known as Shanghai Second Medical University School of Stomatology), the Fourth Military Medical University School of Stomatology (FMMUSS), and Wuhan University School of Stomatology (WUSS). Furthermore, these top dental colleges also shared their education resources with other dental colleges, for example, SCBU shared academic resources with Inner Mongolia University School of Stomatology.

The modes of continuing dental education were also changed correspondingly. Before 2020, offline teaching was the mainstream of continuing dental education. However, from 2020 through 2022, online teaching forms such as Tencent Conference, Cloud Classroom, et al, became more and more prevailing. Since Cloud Classroom was recommended by the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA), it was used by the majority of nationwide continuing dental education activities, while Tencent Conference was preferred by the local continuing dental education activities.

How about the outcome of the transformation of dental education patterns? According to investigations launched by CSA, more than ninety-five percent of the teachers advocated online dental education, about ninety percent students were satisfied with the transformation. According to the reports from the colleges, no differences were found between the scores of the students receiving online education and those of the ones receiving offline education.

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