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## KNOWLEDGE ABOUT HALITOSIS AMONG UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN A DENTAL COLLEGE

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**Background:** Halitosis is a universal medico social problem and is termed as bad breath. It is known to have significant social and personal impact to those who suffer from it or believe they do so. General public is increasingly aware of the condition and concerned of the same.

**Objective:** The aim of the present study was to assess the knowledge of halitosis among undergraduate students in Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Manipal University, Mangalore.

**Materials & Methods:** This was a questionnaire based study, conducted among 112 dental graduates studying in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year. The responses obtained were compiled and the statistical analysis of the data was done using frequency and percentages.

**Results & Conclusion:** Ninety nine percent of the respondents

answered that periodontal disease was the major cause for halitosis, and eighty percent of them agreed that habits like smoking, tobacco chewing and alcohol consumption led to halitosis. Halimeter was considered to be the way to diagnose halitosis by sixty percent of them. From this study, it can be deduced that the respondents are capable of diagnosing and managing halitosis since they have knowledge of the same.

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