Time to know about….
Communication skills and its need in Dentistry!!

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Patient safety is a major priority for all healthcare providers since the evolution of Medicine. So with the well known Oath, it is a reasonable expectation that all undergraduate medical students should have the necessary competence to ensure that harm to patients is minimized in their future career as a doctor. This raises several important questions: What should be learned, when should it be taught and how should it be taught? These questions appear at first sight to be obvious but teaching and learning about patient safety in undergraduate medical education offers a challenge to all medical schools.

The Communication is a core clinical skill that can be taught and learned. Majority of the universities including Maharashtra university of Health Sciences has already included training programs for medical students for communication skills in the curriculum.

Considering the need of an hour, it has long been accepted that communication is of central importance in healthcare, and a core aspect of clinical competence. It is also clear that good communication skills in medical practice are not innate, but can always be improved or enhanced periodically.

Many evidences suggest that medical students’ attitudes toward communication skills are influenced by taking courses that emphasize communication skills training.

As a whole, communication skills will help students to perform better in exams, assessments, interviews, and appraisals—as well as in day to day practice.

Dental students interact with the patients during under graduation and so they also need to learn communication skills. It’s time to introduce the training program based on communication skills in the curriculum, during these tender years of education. Compared to the widespread research on postgraduate communication training, empirical results examining training within early medical studies are less common. Taking note on this existing fact revised curriculum with informal training on communication can be considered and hence implemented.