

MAIN MANUAL FOR DENTAL MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH HEMOPHILIA AND VON WILLEBRAND IN ARGENTINA

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Objective

Create a manual that provides dental knowledge for the dental care of patients with hemophilia and von Willebrand. Provide the general dentists with work tools so they can attend these patients in the towns where they live.

Introduction

Due to the need for care of patients with Hemophilia and von Willebrand, both from the interior and from the capital of the province of Salta, Argentina, we believed necessary to create a manual for their dental management, to provide greater and better attention, allowing them to have a better quality of life. The general dentist must have knowledge of the hemostasis alterations to conduct a proper treatment plan for these patients. The Manual for dental management of patients with Hemophilia and von Willebrand, was developed in 2014 by dentists from the Dentistry Program Salta and specialists from the Hemophilia Foundation of Salta. It was edited and supervised by the College of Dentistry of the province of Salta. It was approved by Resolution 271/14 of the Ministry of Public Health of Salta, Argentina, and obtained the endorsement of the National Direction of Oral Health of the Nation's Ministry of Health.

Materials and methods

For its preparation, the following was consulted: the guide of the World Federation of Hemophilia and dental protocols from different countries, adapted to the reality of the province of Salta, so that the patient can be treated by the dentist in his place of residence. The manual is available in print and on website.

Results

The manual had a positive impact, it was quickly put into practice by dentists, resulting in patients receiving the proper treatment. Over time the referrals to specialized centers decreased.

Conclusion

The main purpose was to contribute, unify and formalize the knowledge that general dentists should have to treat patients with Hemophilia and von Willebrand. This manual was distributed to dental programs in other provinces of Argentina and dentists from other countries.

