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COVID-19 and dental practice

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Commentary:

All dentists should ascertain the need for immediate care, of each patient via telephone by asking a set of questions to probe into the risk of exposure of the patient to Covid-19¹.

The set of Questions to assess the patient's probable risk to Covid-19 should include the following:

- A) *Are you having any of the following symptoms at present? Fever, cough, Difficulty in breathing, conjunctivitis, diarrhoea, flu?*
- B) *Did you have any of the above mentioned symptoms in the past 14 days?*
- C) *Have you come into contact with Covid-19 infected patients in the last 2 weeks? 1 month?*
- D) *Have you had any contact with persons placed in quarantine, institutional or home quarantine, in the last 2 weeks? 1 month?*
- E) *Have you had any contact with any individual coming from highly epidemic area in the past 2 weeks? 1 month?*
- F) *Were you in a circumstance where you were around a large number of people (Apart from those who are in isolation with you) in the past 2 weeks?*

An appointment for consultation/treatment should be made only if all the answers to the above query are negative¹.

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