Commentary:
28th July is celebrated as World Hepatitis Day\(^1\). Viral hepatitis has posed as a major public health issue and one of the most common liver diseases\(^2\). Along with its lethal effect on the liver, it has spread its tentacles to other organs of the human body thus altering the body’s hematological, immunological, and inflammatory profile\(^3\)\(^4\). These extrahepatic manifestations\(^2\)\(^-\)\(^4\) play a significant role in proposing an appropriate treatment to the patient. As dentists are most exposed to hepatitis due to aerosols, air syringes and handpieces, and appropriate sterilization measures are mandatory in treating hepatitis patients\(^1\)\(^5\). This poster has attempted highlighting the extrahepatic manifestations of hepatitis which could give an idea to the dentist about the systemic alterations occurring in a hepatitis patient besides the deleterious effect on the liver and it also stresses on a few important points for the precautions to be taken by a dentist in treating a hepatitis patient including post-exposure prophylaxis\(^1\).

References


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