

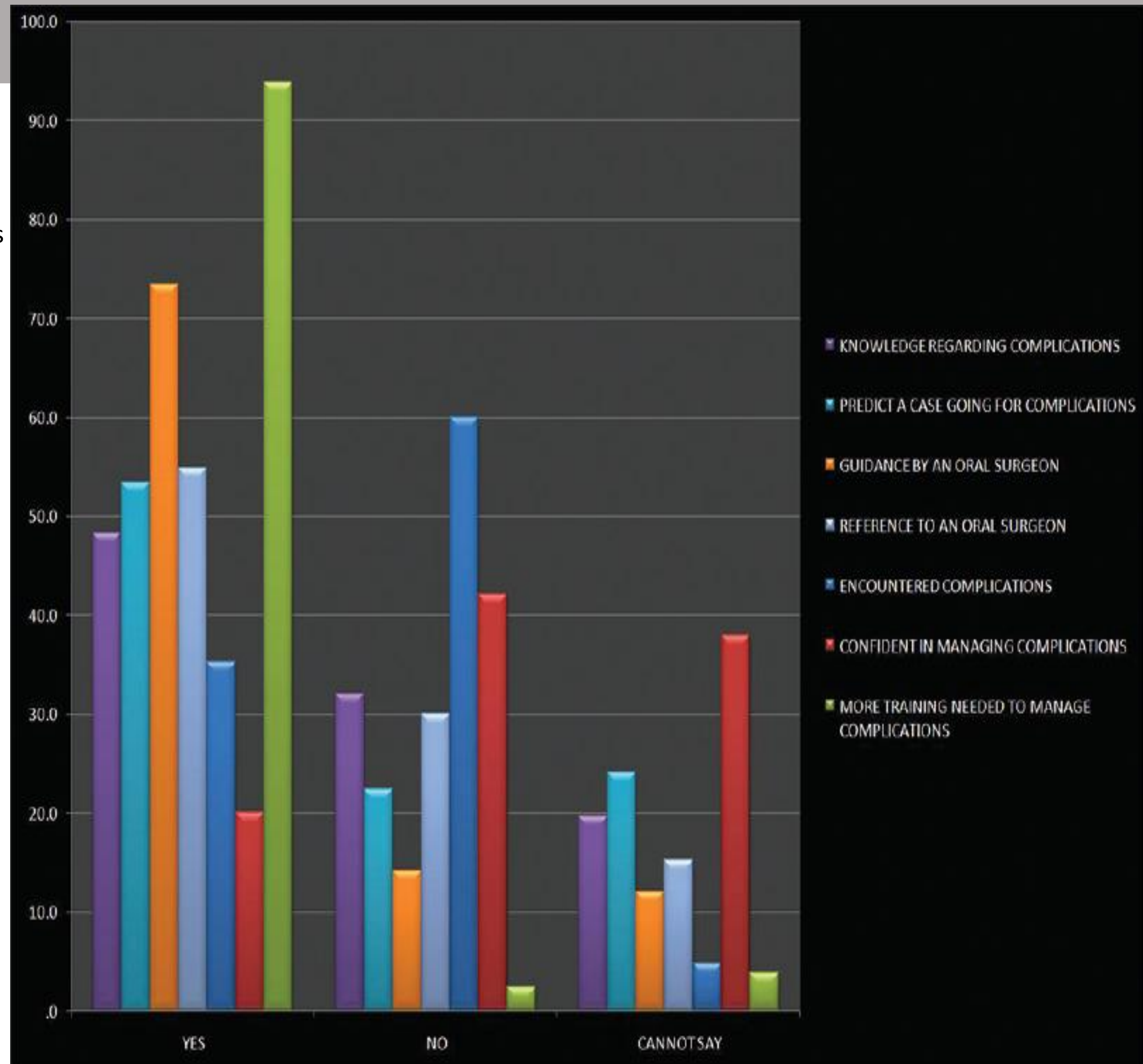
# Knowledge, attitude, and practice of senior dental students toward management of complications in exodontia

## BACKGROUND

Dental graduates have a professional responsibility of being competent in managing the complications in exodontia, a very commonly performed procedure. Complications in exodontia are not always avoidable. This survey was conducted to assess the knowledge, attitude, and practice of senior dental students toward the management of complications in exodontia.

## QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you perform extractions in clinical practice?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
2. Do you think you have adequate knowledge regarding complications in exodontia?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
3. Have you encountered any complications so far?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
4. How confident are you in managing complications?  
a. Very confident b. Not confident c. Cannot say
5. Should there be an oral surgeon to manage complications?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
6. Do you usually refer the patient to an oral surgeon or to a nearby hospital?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
7. Do you think it is right to refer it to another specialist?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
8. Can you predict a case which would go for complication?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
9. Which preoperative evaluation is important to avoid complications?  
a. Clinical b. Radiographic c. Nothing specific
10. What do you think is the most common complication in exodontias?  
a. Fracture of tooth b. Fracture of root c. Bleeding d. Dry socket
11. Do you think medically compromised patients are more prone to complications?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say
12. Do you think you need more training in handling these complications?  
a. Yes b. No c. Cannot say



## RESULT

- 54% of respondents could predict the cases that might develop complications.
- 62.7% of respondents preferred calling a specialist.
- 20% of the study group is confident in managing complications in exodontia
- The greatest handicap of 80% of the students is the lack of adequate caseload
- the study indicated that the students have the necessary theoretical knowledge, but not enough practical skill exposure to successfully manage complications in exodontia.

## CONCLUSION

The survey has brought about interesting findings regarding the knowledge, attitude, and practice of dental undergraduates regarding exodontia. The obvious takeaway is that students need to have adequate caseloads to transform their theoretical knowledge into practical expertise.