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**Study to evaluate the Hospital Dental Services with reference to Several Alternative Parameters.**

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This project was undertaken to evaluate the efficiency and productivity of the hospital dental services as well as the perception of patients and dentists regarding various aspects of the service. The work sampling study revealed that on an average working day, hospital dentists spent only 40 per cent of their time for clinical activities. The survey of records disclosed that the predominant dental treatment provided in hospital clinics was extraction of teeth. Dentists responses indicated that many dentists had an unfavourable opinion regarding the quality and quantity of equipment, instruments and consumables in the clinics. Infrastructural facilities were also not as good as expected by many dentists. This study was the first definitive evaluation of the hospital dental services in Sri Lanka. The results of this investigation will be of considerable value to health planners and administrators in the task of improving and further developing the existing services.