

Table 1 Patient recall and referral by dentists working in family health (FH) and mother and child health (MCH) clinics

Recall and referral factors	FH dentists (<i>n</i> = 52)	MCH dentists (<i>n</i> = 68)	<i>P</i> -value
	No. (%)	No. (%)	
Recalled patients	32 (61.5)	59 (86.8)	0.004
Referred patients to others	51 (98.1)	68 (100)	0.43
<i>Type of services patients are referred to receive</i>			
Endodontics	49 (94.2)	66 (97.1)	0.37
Paediatric dentistry	22 (42.3)	63 (92.7)	< 0.0001
Fixed prosthodontics	24 (46.2)	55 (80.9)	< 0.0001
Surgery	19 (36.5)	48 (70.6)	< 0.0001
Partial and complete dentures	3 (5.8)	4 (5.9)	0.64
Other	2 (3.8)	4 (5.9)	0.47
Percentage of patients referred monthly/total number of patients [Mean (SD)]	26.5 (7.3)	18.5 (12.4)	< 0.0001
<i>Reasons for referral</i>			
Inadequate equipment/instrument for patients' needs	40 (76.9)	65 (95.6)	0.005
Inadequate professional experience for patient's needs	28 (53.8)	32 (47.1)	0.25
Not enough dental clinics	9 (17.7)	40 (58.8)	< 0.0001

P ≤ 0.05 statistically significant.

SD = standard deviation.