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Introduction of Advanced Education in General Dentistry

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Even though Korean Dentistry practically have adapted the specialty system, the execution of regulation was tentatively delayed during the past 30 years. Recently a group of dentists advocated that the legislation must be executed.

The Korean Dental Association announced the new legislation for specialty program to accommodate the desires of almost of dentists. It is prospected to restrict the specialist as low as 8 % or up to 15%. But in fact, during the past 10 years, the applicant to the specialty program increased rapidly and about 40% of graduate are in the specialty programs these days.

We may need new programs for the graduates who have the desires for continuing education. So I would like to introduce the AEGD program. The AEGD program might be a useful program for compensating the specialty programs.

The goals of the AEGD program are

1. To train competent general dentists who can care for their patients in the context of family, culture, and community.
2. To prepare fellows to instruct and supervise undergraduate dental students.

The objectives of AEGD program are

1. To enhance fellow' s background knowledge of biomedical and clinical sciences
2. To expand fellow' s knowledge in-patient care delivery and practice management
3. To teach fellows to set priorities as an integral part of clinical decision-making
5. To prepare fellows to care for medically compromised patients
6. To provide fellows with experiences in state-of-the-art clinical techniques