

Survey

The following is the survey of three groups of practitioners on potential challenges facing the dental profession. The following topics have been identified as significant challenges facing the dental profession in the U.S. in 2011.

Please assign each one of the items a priority score related to how important they are in your opinion.

Please score six first priorities, six 2s, six 3s and six 4s.

Highest Priority for Action = 1 Medium Priority for Action = 2 Low Priority for Action = 3 Not an Important Priority = 4

Place your score directly after the number of each of the items below:

- _____ Third-party payer dictation of treatment plans and setting fees
- _____ Increasing proliferation of proprietary (not conventional universities) dental schools
- _____ Continuing growth of foreign educated dentists being re-educated in U.S. dental schools
- _____ Increasing proliferation of proprietary dental hygiene schools
- _____ High dental school tuition (40K to 80K per year)
- _____ High dental hygiene tuition
- _____ Overproduction of dentists and dental hygienists
- _____ Growth and influence of "corporate dentistry." Companies that hire dentists.
- _____ Observed minimal clinical preparation of new dental graduates
- _____ Need for more help from the profession for new dentists to start practicing
- _____ Dental company sponsorship of dental continuing education
- _____ Dental company sponsorship and funding of dental magazines
- _____ Lack of dental assistant utilization programs in dental schools
- _____ Lack of dental laboratory and hygiene educational programs located in dental schools
- _____ Need for stimulation by profession leadership for programs supporting access to care
- _____ Mid-level dental practitioners
- _____ Young dentist lack of interest in attending continuing education courses
- _____ Inadequate quantity of dental educators
- _____ Lack of dental student/dental and laboratory student interaction in dental school
- _____ Lack of dental laboratory knowledge and laboratory experiences for dental students
- _____ Offshore dental laboratory proliferation and questionable observation of products
- _____ Lack of ADA accredited laboratory schools
- _____ Need for more dental research on clinically important subjects

Other _____