

1996 Health Manpower Survey

一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查

Summary of the Characteristics of Ancillary Dental Personnel Enumerated

經點算牙科輔助人員的特徵摘要

1. Dental Hygienists

1.1 Dental hygienists refer to the personnel who have enrolled with the Dental Council of Hong Kong as dental hygienists under the Ancillary Dental Workers (Dental Hygienists) Regulations (Chapter 156).

1.2 41 dental hygienists were enumerated in the 1996 Health Manpower Survey (HMS), representing an increase of 57.7% over the 1992 HMS (26).

1.3 Majority of the dental hygienists enumerated were females. Their overall mean age was 33.2. 43.9% of the dental hygienists enumerated worked in the private sector, followed by the universities/Prince Philip Dental Hospital (34.1%) and the government (22.0%).

2. Dental Therapists

2.1 Dental therapists refer to the personnel who have completed the requisite period of training and passed the Dental Therapist Certificate Examination or equivalent.

2.2 In the 1996 HMS, 244 dental therapists were enumerated, representing an increase of 29.8% over the 1992 HMS (188).

2.3 Among the 244 dental therapists enumerated, 92.2% were females, giving a sex ratio of 8 (males per 100 females). Their overall mean age was 32.0. They were all working in the government.

1. 牙齒衛生員

1.1 牙齒衛生員指已根據香港法例第156章《牙科輔助人員(牙齒衛生員)規例》，向香港牙醫管理委員會登記的人士。

1.2 一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查經點算的牙齒衛生員共有41名，較一九九二年的統計調查(26名)增加57.7%。

1.3 經點算的牙齒衛生員大部份為女性，整體平均年齡為33.2歲；其中43.9%經點算的牙齒衛生員受僱於私營機構，其餘分別在各大學或菲臘牙科醫院(34.1%)及政府(22.0%)任職。

2. 牙科治療師

2.1 牙科治療師指已完成規定期間的訓練，並通過牙科治療師證書考試或已具備同等資歷的人士。

2.2 一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查經點算的牙科治療師共有244名，較一九九二年的統計調查(188名)增加29.8%。

2.3 在經點算的244名牙科治療師當中，女性佔92.2%，性別比率為8人(每百名女性的男性數目)，整體平均年齡為32.0歲，並全數任職政府。

3. Dental Technicians/Technologists

3.1 Dental technicians/technologists refer to the personnel who have completed the requisite period of training and passed the examination for the Dental Technician's Certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute; or have a Diploma in Dental Technology issued by the former Hong Kong Polytechnic or the Prince Philip Dental Hospital; or equivalent. Those dental technicians having at least 4 years' experience as dental mechanic apprentices are also included.

3.2 A total of 274 dental technicians/technologists were enumerated in the 1996 HMS, resembling that of the 1992 HMS (275).

3.3 The 274 dental technicians/technologists enumerated were mostly males as indicated by the overall sex ratio of 813 (males per 100 females). Their overall mean age was 40.3. The largest share of the dental technicians/technologists enumerated were found in the private sector (71.2%), followed by the government (11.3%) and other sectors (17.5%).

4. Dental Surgery Assistants

4.1 Dental surgery assistants refer to the personnel who assist the dental surgeons in the treatment of patients. The dental surgery assistants working in the public sector, including the government, universities, Prince Philip Dental Hospital and Hospital Authority institutions, have usually received formal on-the-job training or possessed professional qualifications. However, those working in the private sector, such as private dental surgeries and private hospitals, may not have formal on-the-job training in the profession.

4.2 The total number of dental surgery assistants (public sector) enumerated in the 1996 HMS was 361, which represented an increase of 24.5% over the 1992 HMS (290).

3. 牙科技術員/技師

3.1 牙科技術員/技師指已完成規定期間的訓練，並通過倫敦城市及公會學會牙科技術員證書考試，或持有前香港理工學院或菲臘牙科醫院頒發的牙科技術文憑，或具備同等資歷的人士，而具備至少4年牙科技術學徒經驗的牙科技術員亦包括在內。

3.2 一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查經點算的牙科技術員/技師共有274名，與一九九二年統計調查的點算結果(275名)相若。

3.3 經點算的274名牙科技術員/技師大部分為男性，整體性別比率為813人(每百名女性的男性數目)，整體平均年齡為40.3歲。經點算的牙科技術員/技師大部分任職於私營機構(71.2%)，其餘分別受僱於政府(11.3%)和其他類型的機構(17.5%)。

4. 牙科手術助理員

4.1 牙科手術助理員指協助牙醫治理病人的人員。任職政府、各大學、菲臘牙科醫院、及醫院管理局等公營機構的牙科手術助理員，通常已接受正式的在職訓練，或具備專業資歷；但在私家牙醫診所、私家醫院等私營機構工作的牙科手術助理員則可能未有接受正式的在職專業訓練。

4.2 一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查經點算於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員共有361名，較一九九二年的統計調查(290名)增加24.5%。

4.3 Of the 361 dental surgery assistants (public sector) enumerated, only 10 were males, giving a sex ratio of 3 (males per 100 females). Their overall mean age was 31.7. 60.1% of them were employed by the government, followed by the universities/Prince Philip Dental Hospital (38.2%) and the Hospital Authority (1.7%).

4.4 There were 852 dental surgery assistants (private sector) enumerated in the survey. 98.4% of them did not hold any relevant professional qualification. Among them, only 9 were males. Their overall mean age was 30.5.

5. Inter-sector Flow of Ancillary Dental Personnel Enumerated

5.1 Of the ancillary dental personnel enumerated in the 1996 HMS, 27, 203, 31, 261 and 265 personnel reported to be working locally as dental hygienists, dental therapists, student dental therapists, dental technicians/technologists and dental surgery assistants (public sector) respectively as at 1.7.1992. Most of them remained in the same sector as at 1.7.1996 except that 14.8% of the dental hygienists, 4.2% of the dental technicians/technologists and 5.7% of the dental surgery assistants (public sector) had undergone inter-sector flow between 1.7.1992 and 1.7.1996. On the other hand, all the 234 dental therapists, of whom 31 were in the student rank as at 1.7.1992, remained in the government during the period.

5.2 It was also found that 14 dental hygienists, 10 dental therapists, 13 dental technicians/technologists and 96 dental surgery assistants (public sector) were not working in the respective professions in local institutions as at 1.7.1992. At that time, they were studying for the present profession, working in the same profession abroad or working in other professions etc. Among them, 57.1% of the dental hygienists and 69.2% of the dental technicians/technologists joined the private sector after 1.7.1992 whilst all the dental therapists and 75.0% of the dental surgery assistants (public sector) were employed by the government.

4.3 經點算的361名於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員中，男性僅佔10名，性別比率為3人(每百名女性的男性數目)，整體平均年齡為31.7歲，其中60.1%任職政府，其餘分別在各大學或菲臘牙科醫院(38.2%)及醫院管理局(1.7%)任職。

4.4 經點算於私營機構任職的牙科手術助理員共有852名，當中98.4%並不具備任何有關的專業資歷，而男性僅佔9名，整體平均年齡為30.5歲。

5. 經點算的牙科輔助人員在不同類型機構之間的轉職情況

5.1 一九九六年醫療衛生服務人力統計調查經點算的牙科輔助人員中，據報於一九九二年七月一日在本地服務的牙齒衛生員有27名，牙科治療師有203名，見習牙科治療師有31名，牙科技術員/技師有261名，而於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員則有265名。截至一九九六年七月一日，他們大部份仍在同一類型的機構工作，而在一九九二年七月一日至一九九六年七月一日期間，分別有14.8%的牙齒衛生員、4.2%的牙科技術員/技師、及5.7%於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員曾轉往不同類型的機構任職。另一方面，在上述期間，該234名牙科治療師，其中包括31名於一九九二年七月一日仍是見習牙科治療師，仍在政府工作。

5.2 調查結果顯示，14名牙齒衛生員、10名牙科治療師、13名牙科技術員/技師及96名於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員於一九九二年七月一日並非在本地機構從事有關專業，而是在攻讀有關其現時投身的專業的訓練課程，或在海外從事同一專業，或從事其他行業等。一九九二年七月一日之後，他們當中有57.1%的牙齒衛生員、69.2%的牙科技術員/技師加入了私營機構工作，而全數牙科治療師及75.0%於公營機構任職的牙科手術助理員則受僱於政府。

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