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**Effectiveness of a new restorative material used in out reach dental clinics in / Sri Lanka**

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This study was conducted in Hambantota district to test the effectiveness of the use of a new restorative material-glass ionomer cement (GIC), in out-reach dental clinics, in relation to existing restorative materials (amalgam). GIC appeared to be a more efficient restorative material than amalgam in terms of provision of restorative care. The introduction of GIC to out reach dental clinics do not seem to have any logistic difficulties. It also seems to be fulfilling the SDTT's expectation as a new restorative material. The introduction of GIC for school dental service in Sri Lanka is a reasonable solution to overcome the low work out put of the school dental service. Therefore, the use of GIC in school dental service will be a better strategy to overcome the problem of untreated dental caries in the Sri Lankan children.