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**Evaluation of quality of dental care provided in private dental practices in greater Colombo area.**

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The aim of the study was to evaluate the quality of dental care provided by private dental practitioners. The quality of care was assessed in terms of "structure" " process" and " outcome".This is the first study that evaluated the quality of care provided by private dental practice in Sri Lanka and gives information about the current status of private dental practices in Sri Lanka. Initiating proper registration system for private dental practitioners and private dental clinics and continuous monitoring through an appointed body or a committee is recommended. There should be some educational measures to improve knowledge of private dental practitioners in dentistry, such as including dental practice in the undergraduate curriculum are further recommended.