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of ergonomics in dental preclinical undergraduate students.. Material and method: the questionnaire based study was conducted within 100 ii yr. Bds students performing preclinical prosthodontics exercise. The participants were approached through printed questionnaire.. Result: the study revealed that students experienced pain and discomfort while performing preclinical exercises. They were aware of the fact that it was due to incorrect working postures. Since unaware about the precautionary measures to be taken to avoid this problem, they were keen about learning the correct working positions. 85% of students thought that it should be included in the curriculum. . Conclusion: there is strong relation between incorrect working posture and musculoskeletal disorders. As 51% students experienced pain and discomfort during preclinical classes study, it is necessary to include the knowledge and practice of ergonomics during their undergraduate learning session. And also develop intervention programs for the same.. Keywords: dental students, musculoskeletal disorders, ergonomics.

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## 17. Human engineering: are we aware about this? Students perspective.

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Background: Dental profession not only involves intellectual, but also physical effort. Work related musculoskeletal disorder is very common problem amongst dentist as they are involved in static posture for long time. It not only affects the work efficiency but also practice in long run. As a part of dental education, knowledge of ergonomics should be included in curriculum. Considering this criteria, the aim of the study was to assess the awareness