At the FDI’s Annual World Dental Congress, held recently in Brazil, GSK-supported a timely symposium dedicated to the importance of denture and oral hygiene in denture wearers and its potential impact on their oral and systemic health. 

Key messages from this symposium included that unclean dentures are a chronic source of potentially harmful bacteria and fungi that may be associated with oral and systemic diseases. In addition, dentures need to be cleaned daily with effective antimicrobial and antifungal agents. Finally, dental professionals play an important role in educating patients and helping them improve their oral and overall health.

An international panel of experts was chaired by Professor Claudio Fernandes, Prof of Prosthodontics, Fluminense Federal University at Nova Friburgo, Brazil. Prof Fernandes highlighted the growing edentulous population globally, the resultant oral health implications, and the role of dental professionals in dealing with associated issues.

The symposium was very well attended and well received by the delegates.

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