Trends in Dental Education

Information from the ADEA Snapshot of Dental Education and other sources will be presented to demonstrate key trends in dental education. Gathering and analyzing data, trends and information on contemporary issues influencing education, research and the delivery of oral health care for the overall health and safety of the public is critical for the dental education community to make informed decisions and plan for the future. ADEA is committed to conducting research into contemporary and emerging issues that are likely to impact decisions in the dental education and policy-making communities. Each year, ADEA collects data on topics of particular interest to dental school deans, program directors, faculty, students, residents and fellows. The information in this presentation is taken from data compiled by ADEA, the American Dental Association and other sources.

Learning objectives:
Participants will
- Understand trends in demographics and practice plans of applicants, enrollees and graduates of US dental schools.
- Identify trends in faculty demographics and the impact on dental education and practice.
- Understand key issues impacting dental education and practice and discuss implications for the future.

Biography
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