

The Impact of Social Media on Customer Relations Management at Dental Medical Centers

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Abstract

The study aimed to identify the impact of social media with its dimensions (communication and innovation) in managing customer relations in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman. As a data collection tool, through a survey of the centers' opinions and in a comprehensive inventory method, the number of centers that responded to the study and filled out the electronic questionnaire was (214) centers. The study concluded that there is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its dimensions (communication and innovation) in customer relationship management in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman. Finally, the study presented a set of recommendations, the most important of which is the continuity of the dental centers' interest in social media in all its dimensions, which is positively reflected on the management of customer relations and enhances the continuity of its work and keeping pace with any modern applications that enable it to serve its customers in the best way.

Keywords: Social Media, Customer Relationship Management, Dental Clinics.

Introduction

All modern organizations in general and organizations working in the medical sector in particular realize the importance of communicating with clients and keeping them and taking their feedback into account in light of the intensity of competition in the same sector, whether it is current competition or potential competition, as organizations realize in the modern era and in light of renewed challenges Contemporary developments and the intensification of competition say that customers are the basis and focal point for the continuity and sustainability of work, and through them the success of these organizations and their ability to compete is measured and a firm conviction has been formed for these organizations to seek and gain the trust of customers to reach the degree of satisfaction wanted (Al-Hindawi, 2022).

The power of social media derives from the web platform (2.0) which provides the technical infrastructure that facilitates user engagement and enables content generation and distribution (Ebrahim, 2020). Social media is a tool to facilitate communication mechanisms, and social media has also become an important information channel from the perspective of work organizations, through cooperation between employees in the workplace (Ahmed et al., 2018).

Importance of the Study

The importance of the study from a scientific point of view lies in highlighting the concept of social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer relations with its dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction). From a practical point of view, the results and recommendations that the study will present on the concept of social media and customer relationship management, especially in light of the wide spread of dental centers in the capital, Amman, and the reluctance of customers to choose the appropriate center, so this study will support the owners of medical dental centers in managing the relationship with the customer In light of the presence of many competition centers in the capital, Amman.

Study Objectives

The main objective of this study is to identify the impact of social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) on customer relationship management (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

Achieving a Number of sub-goals

- Identifying the level of relative importance of social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.
- To know the level of relative importance of customer relationship management with its dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital Amman.
- To identify the impact of social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.
- Identifying social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

Study Problem

The problem of the study is the management of customer relations in the medical dental centers in the capital Amman and the importance of building long-term relationships with customers and the importance of maintaining them with the intensification of competition and in light of the massive spread of medical dental centers recently in the capital, Amman, and the impact of social media in that.

Study Questions

The study is represented in the following main question: "What is the impact of social media on managing customer relations in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman?"

From the main question, the following sub-questions emerge

- What is the level of relative importance of social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman?
- What is the level of relative importance of customer relationship management with its dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman?
- What is the impact of social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman?
- What is the impact of social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) on customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman?

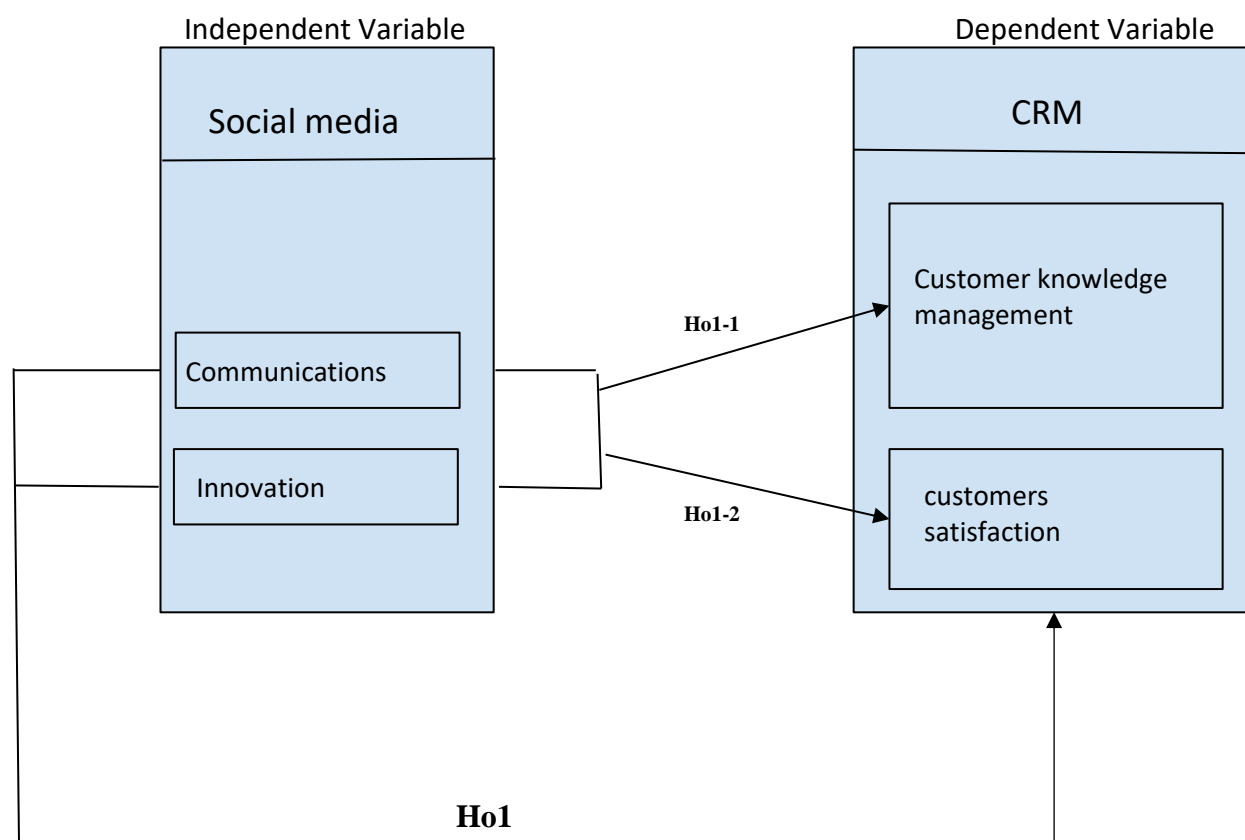
The main hypotheses

The first main hypothesis

Ho1: There is no statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in customer relationship management with its combined dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

The following sub-hypotheses emerged from the main hypothesis

- **Ho1.1:** There is no statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.
- **Ho1.2:** There is no statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) on customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

Study form**Figure 1****study model**

The model building in the independent variable was based on: (Smits & Mogos, 2013; Mamaqi, 2015).

And in the dependent variable on: (Daft, 2010; Sofi et al., 2020).

Previous Studies**First: studies in Arabic Environments****Fayoumi Study (2022)**

This study aimed to determine the impact of the dimensions of customer relationship management(focusing at big clients,managing and knowing how to organize clients, Technology-based customer relationship management,and Building customer relationships)On improving after-sales services in mobile companies in Egypt,The results of the study showed that customer relationship management affects after-sales services with a different degree of impact from one dimension to another of the dimensions of customer relationship management, Among the recommendations of this study is the establishment of a special department for customer relationship management that includes highly qualified individuals in order to build strong relationships with customers,And remove all obstacles that hinder employees from inventing new ways to strengthen relationships with customers.

Al-Hazmi Study (2021)

This study aimed to investigate the relationship between customer relationship management and customer retention in tourism organizations (hotels) in Al-Kharj Governorate in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The study reached a set of results, the most

important of which is determining the dimensions of customer service in travel and tourism organizations, including (Understanding and identifying the customer, Develop the relationship with the client, choosing the client, Interact with the client) And the extent to which this affects the development of the relationship with customers and the ability to retain them by achieving value and building trust with customers.

The study presented a set of recommendations and references to the importance of organizations focusing on studying the needs and desires of customers using modern methods and methods in order to provide the best value to customers, build strong long-term relationships and achieve partnership with them.

Ali study (2021)

This study aimed to identify the impact of customer relationship management practices in their dimensions (customer value, customer satisfaction, customer loyalty) In achieving competitive advantages for EgyptAir and its reflection on the satisfaction and loyalty of its customers. The study reached a set of results, the most important of which is that the level of satisfaction of the respondents about EgyptAir is medium, This is at a rate of (53.3%), which indicates that EgyptAir's focus on maintaining the satisfaction of its customers is less, and among the results is also a high level of customer loyalty by (46.7%), which reflects the confidence of the respondents in EgyptAir and gaining their loyalty. The study set a set of recommendations, the most important of which is the necessity of training the administrators of EgyptAir and making them aware of the importance of managing customer relations.

Alqashash Study (2020)

The study aimed to study the impact of using social media on developing strategic performance in the public and private banking sector in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and a link between the use of social media and the dimensions of strategic performance, The study concluded that there is a weakness in the use of social media in achieving the strategic tool, as banks do not adopt innovation and new ideas. The study recommended creating a spirit of creativity and innovation, spreading the spirit of cooperation, building relationships that increase self-motivation, emphasizing gaining customer satisfaction and working to improve the mental image of the bank among customers.

Almahdi Study (2018)

The study aimed to highlight the role of strategic quality management in adopting customer relationship management. Determining the level of understanding and awareness of banking administrations of the importance and role of strategic quality in their possession of the elements of customer relationship management, The study reached several conclusions, including considering individuals as one of the main priorities of strategic quality management, The variable of customer relationship management has an important impact on the distinction of organizations and monitoring the movements of competing companies in the market, and the study reached several recommendations, the most important of which is the need to build work teams and focus on the method of empowerment and joint cooperation within organizations to achieve customer satisfaction and provide value to the organization.

Studies in the foreign environments

Virglerova et al. study (2022)

This study aimed to analyze the impact of social media on knowledge management based on a review of previous studies. The study reached a set of results, the most important of which is that social media has created completely new sources of knowledge for companies. Expanded knowledge storage, retrieval and classification capabilities. And that social media made communication easier between different departments, hierarchical levels and geographical regions, which had a significant impact on the team in terms of collaboration and performance. Social media has improved explicit knowledge as it is easier to store and retrieve and has influenced tacit knowledge, which is of fundamental importance in contemporary business models.

Starcevic & Sher study (2021)

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Dar Sofi et al Study (2020)

This study examined the impact of CRM dimensions (customer trends, CRM technology, customer knowledge management, Organizing Customer Relationship Management) in customer satisfaction in the hospitality sector in Kashmir. A survey was conducted and a regular random sample of (176) was taken from clients of three and four-star hotels in Kashmir. The results of the study showed a positive relationship between the dimensions of customer relationship management (customers bearings, customers relationship management technology, and managing customers knowledge, Organizing customer relationship management) and customers satisfaction. The study recommended the need to pay attention to the development of training programs that enhance the skills of employees and reward customer service employees and motivate them for the success of the CRM strategy, and focus on the internal customer through which external customer satisfaction is reached.

Chen and Ien study (2019)

This study clarified the effects of social media marketing activities on intent to persist, intent to participate, and intent to purchase through the mediation of social identity, perceived value, and satisfaction. This study conducted an online survey of social media users. Analytical results indicated that social media marketing activities indirectly affect satisfaction through social identification and perceived value. At the same time, social identification and perceived value directly influence satisfaction which then influences persistence of interest, engagement intent and purchase intent.

Cooley and parks-yancy study (2019)

This study explores how celebrities, influencers, and people consumers know personally influence the ways millennials obtain information about consumer products. The study also addresses the factors that contribute to trust in that information. The study indicates that celebrities and social media influencers have a positive impact on increasing product awareness, relying on celebrities and social media influencers to promote products does not replace targeted marketing efforts to build consumer confidence.

Theoretical Framework

Social Media Platforms

Social media platforms has provided an opportunity to make the most of information technology resources for organizations and the ability to communicate more easily, It plays a crucial role in facilitating the exchange of knowledge between the organization and consumers through social media which enhances the buying behavior and decision making of the customers (Tajvidi&Karami, 2021).

Social media platforms can be defined as a set of Internet-based applications that allow the creation and sharing of user-submitted content, many types of social media platforms fall within this broad definition, such as (facebook, instagram, pinterest, twitter, whatsapp, youtube) as it's considered The digital sources of information that are generated, It is consumed by Internet users as a means of educating each other about products, brands, services, characters and issues (Schivinski and dabrowski, 2014).

The two researchers adopted the dimensions of social media as mentioned in the study form as follows

Telecommunications

Organizations are increasingly using the superior communication and interaction features of social media to enhance collaboration and communication within the organization as well as between companies and other external actors (De Zubielqui et al., 2019). Where social media provides individuals with virtual common interests and a space to exchange and discuss ideas, social media allows users to build a community through continuous communication and long-term exchange of information (Chen & Len, 2019). It is also a communication channel that helps organizations achieve various organizational goals including Marketing, public relations, advertising, branding, customer service, human resources, and problem solving (Tajvidi & Karami, 2021).

Innovation

Social media is useful as a tool for emerging innovations that have a direct impact on organizational quality and productivity. Innovation can be defined as an idea or concept perceived by observers as new, i.e. the novelty of any particular concept or idea (Asio & Khorasani, 2015).

Innovation is created through interactions of social networks, by a group of users with diverse knowledge (Mount & Martinez, 2014). Social media also promotes open communication between employees and management as it enables employees to share project ideas and work in teams effectively, This helps in the exchange of knowledge and experiences (Edosomwan et al., 2011).

Social media platforms data that originates from users' consumption experiences, which can result in consumer preferences, is particularly valuable for product innovation and

development. This data is allowed to be used to inform decisions that contribute to product development (Moe & Schweidel, 2017).

Customer Relationship Management

Customer relationship management is an important way to achieve satisfaction and reach the degree of loyalty by meeting the needs and desires of customers in the appropriate manner desired by the customer. Given that customers are the focal point and the basis for achieving profits for the organization (Lubis et al., 2020). Customer relationship management can be defined as a process that focuses on marketing relationships and modern technological means in order to build long-term relationships with customers and focus on the importance of maintaining them so that they are not attracted by competing organizations (Strauss et al., 2003, 361).

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Customer knowledge management

Customer knowledge management and customer relationship management have become the basis for building value for organizations in the presence of markets saturated with products as the process of customer relationship management is concerned with transferring knowledge to the customer (Chan, 2018)). The application of customer knowledge management enhances the ability of organizations to develop their capabilities to meet market requirements, as this knowledge enhances the exchange of knowledge between organizations and customers, which improves the organization's creativity and ability to achieve its goals (Mikuła, 2018).

Customer knowledge management enables organizations to monitor customer behavior, identify and meet their needs, enhance service delivery speed, and improve product quality. In order for this to be achieved, organizations must have the ability to create, store and use that knowledge in a timely manner (Kabue, 2021).

Customers Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction is the basis for achieving profits for the organization, as customer satisfaction leads to achieving a degree of loyalty to the organization and attracting new customers through them (Chi & Gursoy, 2009). Customer satisfaction can be defined as a feeling or mental image that accompanies the customer during or after consuming the product. Customer satisfaction is the basis and fulcrum for making the purchasing decision for the benefit of the organization. Therefore, all organizations are currently striving to reach the degree of customer satisfaction (Salam, 2021).

Organizations seek to build a competitive position in an environment characterized by intense competition by focusing on customer satisfaction, which is an obsession and a source of concern for these organizations, and this is achieved by focusing on the quality of their products and services (Abdull Rahman et al., 2022).

Study Methodology

Study Population and Sample

The study population consisted of all (216) medical dental centers in the capital, Amman, based on the records of the Directorate of Licensing of Professions and Health Institutions in the Jordanian Ministry of Health, through a survey of the centers' opinions and

a comprehensive inventory method, The number of centers that responded to the study and filled out the electronic questionnaire was (214), and the study adopted the center as a unit of analysis.

Data Collection Methods

The study relied on two sources to collect data:

Secondary Sources

The secondary sources consisted of relevant Arab and foreign references, articles, research, and previous studies that discussed the subject of the study. Various data, information and references were documented based on the method of the American Psychological Association (APA, 2020).

Primary Sources

In collecting primary data, the two researchers relied on the questionnaire as a main tool.

Study Tool

The questionnaire that was developed was adopted to achieve the purpose of the study.

Tool Stability

Cronbach's alpha test was conducted for the study variables to ensure the stability of the tool. Table (1) shows Cronbach's alpha values for all variables.

Table (1)

The values of the coefficient (Cronbach's alpha) for the dimensions of the study.

Dimension	Number of paragraphs	Alpha value
Social media	10	0.949
Communications	5	0.917
Innovation	5	0.908
Customer relationship management	10	0.951
Customer knowledge management	5	0.915
customer satisfaction	5	0.926

It is evident from Table (1) that the values of the internal consistency coefficient for the main variables and sub-dimensions were greater than (.90), and all of them were greater than (0.70), which indicates the presence of high internal consistency for the study variables paragraphs, and it is also highly reliable (Al-Najjar et al., 2020, 151).

Model Fit Test

The fit of the model was tested using the multiple linear correlation test to find out the suitability of the study data for the linear regression analysis.

Interconnection Test

Table (2) shows the correlations between the dimensions of the independent variable.

Matrix of Pearson's correlation coefficients of the dimensions of the independent variable

The variable	communication	innovation
communication	1	
innovation	0.075	1

Table (2) shows the matrix of Pearson's correlation coefficients among the sub-independent variables, as it was found that all of them are less than (0.80), and this indicates the absence of the phenomenon of multiple linear correlation between the independent variables, and therefore the data is devoid of the problem of multiple high linear correlation (Montgomery et al., 2006, 118).

Data Analysis and Hypothesis Testing**The Relative Importance of the Variables**

The relative importance has been adopted so that from (1) - less than (2.34) is low, (2.34 - less than (3.67 is medium), and (3.67 - 5) is high.

The Relative Importance of Social Media

Table (3) shows the relative importance of social media

The variable	Arithmetic mean	standard deviation	order	Relative importance
communication	4.24	0.427	1	high
innovation	3.99	0.216	2	high
Social media	4.23			high

The relative importance of CRM

Table (4) shows the relative importance of customer relationship management

The variable	Arithmetic mean	standard deviation	order	Relative importance
Customer knowledge management	4.22	0.471	2	medium
customers satisfaction	4.56	0.382	1	high
Customer Relationship Management	4.9			high

Test Hypotheses of the Study**Main Hypotheses**

H₀1: There is no statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer relations with its combined dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

The main hypothesis was analyzed using standard multiple linear regression:

Table (5)

Model	Model Summary ^b		ANOVA ^b		
	R correlation coefficient	The coefficient of determination	R ² coefficient calculated	F calculated	DF degree of freedom
1	.594 ^a	0.352	57.407	2	0.000 ^a

a. Predictor: Communication, innovation.

b. Dependent variable: CRM.

It is clear from Table (5) and in the summary of the model, that the value of the coefficient of determination has reached ($R^2=.352$) at (2) degrees of freedom, and the value of ($F=57.407$) at the level of significance ($\text{sig}=0.000$), and this confirms the significance of the regression. He points out that (communication and innovation) together explained (35.2%) of the variance in CRM.

Model Number	Model	Coefficient ^a			
		β	T Calculated	Sig Indication level	T
1	Communication	-0.157	-2.831	0.005	
	Innovation	0.584	10.518	.000	

a. Dependent variable: customer relationship management.

The coefficients table (6) shows that all the beta values of the different treatments and at the different T levels came at a significant level ranging between (0.000-0.005) which is less than (0.05) and significant, and therefore all transactions are significant.

Accordingly, the main null hypothesis is not accepted and the alternative hypothesis is accepted, which states: "There is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in customer relationship management with its combined dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in Dental centers in the capital, Amman.

The First sub-hypothesis

H₀₁₋₁: "There is no statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman."

Table 7

Model Summary					ANOVA ^b		Coefficients ^b	
R correlation coefficient	r ² The coefficient of determination	F Calculated	Df Degree of freedom	Sig f Moral level	β standard beta coefficient	T Calculated	Sig t Indication level	
0.912 ^a	0.831	1043.730	1	0.000 ^a	0.912	32.307	0.000	

a. Predictor: social media.

b. Dependent variable: customer knowledge management.

It is clear from Table (7) and from the model summary that the value of ($r = .912$), which means that there is a very high correlation between social media and customer knowledge management, and it turns out that the coefficient of determination for the social media variable has reached ($r^2 = .831$), which means The social media explained the percentage of (83.1%) of the variance in customer relationship management, and from the table of analysis of variance it was found that the value of $F = 1043.730$) at the level of significance (0.000Sig =) and at the degree of freedom (1), and this confirms the significance of the regression.

It was also shown from the coefficients table that the value of ($\beta = .912$) and that the value of ($t = 32.307$) at the level of significance (0.000Sig =) and this confirms the significance of the

coefficient, and based on that, the first sub-null hypothesis is not accepted, and the alternative sub-hypothesis which states That: "There is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman."

Second sub-hypothesis

H₀₁₋₂: There is no statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) on customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

Table8

Model Summary					ANOVA ^b		Coefficients ^b
R correlation coefficient	r ² The coefficient of determination	F Calculated	Df Degree of freedom	Sig f Morale level	β standar d beta coefficient	T Calculated	Sig t Indication level
0.758 ^a	0.575	286.810	1	0.000 ^a	-0.758	-16.935	0.000

a) The Predictor: Social Media.

b) Dependent variable: customer satisfaction.

It is evident from Table (8) and from the summary of the model that the value of ($r=.758$), which means that there is a high correlation between social media and customer satisfaction, and it appears that the coefficient of determination for the variable of social media has reached ($r^2=.575$) and this means that the media Social communication has explained the percentage of (57.5%) of the variance in customer satisfaction, and from the table of analysis of variance it was found that the value of $F = 286.810$) at the level of significance ($0.000\text{Sig} =$) and at the degree of freedom (1) and this confirms the significance of the regression.

It was also shown from the coefficients table that the value of ($\beta=-.758$) and the value of ($t=-16.935$) at the level of significance ($0.000\text{Sig} =$) and this confirms the significance of the coefficient and therefore the second sub-null hypothesis is not accepted, and the alternative sub-hypothesis which states that There is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) on customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital, Amman.

Findings and Recommendations

Discussing Findings

1. The results of the descriptive analysis showed that the relative importance of social media has obtained a high level and an average of (4.23), and this indicates that dental clinics realize the importance of social media in communicating with customers, and this result agreed with the study of Virglerova et al (2022) which concluded that social media has an impact on business performance.

2. The results showed that the customer relationship management variable came with a high relative importance and an arithmetic mean (4.90), and this indicates that dental medical centers show interest in customers and seek to build a knowledge base about their customers and seek to achieve satisfaction, which is in agreement with the study of (Al-Mahdi, 2018). Which concluded that the variable of customer relationship management has an important impact on the distinction of organizations and the need to achieve customer satisfaction and provide value to the organization.
3. The results showed that there is a statistically significant effect at the level of significance ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its dimensions (communication, innovation) in customer relationship management with its combined dimensions (customer knowledge management, customer satisfaction) in dental medical centers in the capital Amman, due to the importance of Social media and its frequent use by organizations at the present time, as it has been highly relied upon to manage customer relationships through it. This study is in agreement with the study (2022) Virglerova et al, which found that social media has an impact on business performance.
4. There is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in managing customer knowledge in dental medical centers in the capital Amman. Effectively managing social media leads to managing customer knowledge and access To a large segment of dealers and the ability to interact with them. This finding agreed with Starcevic & Sher (2021) that found an effect of social media on customer knowledge.
5. There is a statistically significant effect at a significant level ($\alpha \leq 0.05$) for social media with its combined dimensions (communication, innovation) in customer satisfaction in dental medical centers in the capital Amman. The development of communication frameworks through social media with customers will certainly be crowned The results are customer satisfaction and increased communication and interaction with him, which affects communication and innovation processes, and this result agreed with the study of Dar Sofi et al. (2020), which found an effect between customer relationship management and job satisfaction.

Recommendations

1. Continuity of interest of medical dental centers with social media in all its dimensions, which is positively reflected on the management of customer relations for these centers and enhances the continuity of their work.
2. Working on adopting any modern applications that enhance the ability of medical dental centers to communicate with clients.
3. Increasing the interest of medical dental centers in the dimensions of customer relationship management from managing customer knowledge and customer satisfaction, because of the importance of these dimensions in building a long-term relationship with the customer, who is the focal point for any organization and in light of the intensity of competition in the same sector.
4. The necessity of designing training courses programs for the employees of those centers to provide them with communication and communication skills with customers and to empower workers through customer service programs and the use of specialized training centers.
5. The need to organize a mechanism to communicate with customers and try as much as possible to benefit from their experience.

6. Strengthening the mechanism for obtaining customer data so that the dental medical centers remain in contact even after providing the service.

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