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## Editorial Note for Special Issue “Dental Care during COVID-19”

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### Editorial Note

Dental care is sometimes urgent, and putting it off can at times flare up the issue. While some issues can be handled through tele consultation. While it is okay for patients wanting a crown, regular cleaning to put their plans on hold, there are certain procedures that should not be delayed. As we all know COVID-19 isn't going anywhere and this is the new normal. So we have to learn to live with it.

But the lockdown shelved the plan and now we to bear with the expanders for longer now. Dentists are opening their clinics with protective gear and necessary precautions but people are scared to venture out.

It is important for the clinics to thoroughly carry out thermal screening. Dentem is giving patients protective disposable gowns as they enter the clinic. Even doctors wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for the procedures performed. It is imperative that clinics adhere to the highest standards of sterilization of chairs and dental instruments. Only allowing one patient per chair will also help curtail the risk to a greater extent. Constant sanitisation of surfaces also becomes non-negotiable.

Not only for patients, dental procedures can be risky for the dentist as well. Since many procedures use high-pressure sprays of water and air, it can actually spread the aerosols from a positive patient in the room. To tackle it, clinics need high quality HEPA filtration to ensure the air is constantly cleaned. Face shields can also help to some extent in protecting against aerosols.

Hence, we are pleased to present this Special Issue entitled “Dental Care During COVID-19” which focuses on key leading areas related to oral cavity, saliva, blood, and respiratory tract secretions. The subjects in this Special Issue include several guidelines address dental services in the country, and cover:

1. Health care workers who are required to attend dental ailments in remote locations in the government sector.

2. Dental Surgeons working in PHC/ small towns and different locations.
3. Dental Surgeons working in government and private hospitals set up.
4. Dental surgeons working in cities with solo or multi-speciality practices.

The manuscripts submitted to this Special Issue were peer-reviewed following the standard procedures of the Journal of Periodontics and Prosthodontics; as a result, the collection of papers included here aim to provide the most recent developments in a field of ever-growing scientific, industrial, and socio-economical interest. Authors are leading experts coming from universities, research centers, industries, and hospitals located all around the world in Europe, America, Asia, and Australia. In summary, the objective of this Special Issue is to build a bridge among various stakeholders in the Dental community.

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