



## Dental Care for Elderly and Special Groups

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Oral diseases are common in the elderly population which can lead to pain, tooth loss, disfigurement, poor chewing efficiency, and reduced life quality. Dental and oral health conditions in the elders are often compromised by their underlying chronic health problems. Notwithstanding this, therapeutic treatment of chronic diseases and over-the-counter medications can lead to reduction in salivary flow that further complicates oral health and puts elders under high risk of caries and oral mucosal infections. Similarly, dental treatments for people who have special needs and demand special care often pose great challenges to dentists. Dental care programs designed for the elderly and special groups which aim at disease prevention, replacement of tissue loss, and restoration of function should take into account their health conditions and capabilities of self-care.

This Special Issue welcomes studies and reviews on dental care for elderly and special groups. Links of oral health and general health, development of treatment approaches, evaluation of treatment, and dental care programs for elders and special groups are also within the scope of this issue.





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