



Dental Hygiene and Oral Health Research: Lessons and Challenges

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Message from the Guest Editors

Oral health is an important indicator of general health, well-being and quality of life. Poor oral health impacts on people's ability to eat, speak, socialise and work. Good oral hygiene is necessary to maintain a healthy mouth and strong teeth for lifetime. Adequate oral health knowledge and oral health literacy are essential to instill appropriate oral health behaviours to prevent oral and dental diseases. Oral health literacy is a strong predictor of an individual's oral health, health behaviors and oral health outcomes. Meanwhile, oral health literacy has, at its heart, the social determinants of health, being directly linked with upstream factors including social inequalities and inequities regarding access to dental services.

This special issue focuses on oral health, oral hygiene, oral health related knowledge and literacy, risk factors and oral health impact assessment. We will accept manuscripts for both qualitative and quantitative research. New research papers, systematic or critical review papers, commentaries and conference papers are welcome to this issue.





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