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Message from the Guest Editor

As the global population continues to age, access to oral health care services for all generations is critical. Fortunately, the prevalence of dental caries in children has decreased in many countries with the expansion of fluoride applications. However, the availability of oral health services for the elderly is still inadequate. As the quality of dental services varies from country to country, knowledge surrounding oral health care delivery remains poor. In particular, there is little information regarding the extent to which public services cover oral health for the elderly. Another major challenge for health services research in dentistry is the analysis of the dental professional workforce, which is essential for providing adequate dental health services to all generations. Health services research requires multidisciplinary approaches that examine the relationship among social factors, financial systems, medical technology, accessibility to health care, and the quality and cost of health care. The sufficient provision of appropriate oral health services represents a significant contribution to the maintenance and improvement of overall health status.

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