Special Issue Children's Oral Health

Message from the Guest Editor

Children's oral health is fundamental in preventing future problems in adolescence and adulthood. The adequate education of parents and caregivers is of great importance, as is the implementation of health programs aimed at improving children's oral health. In order to establish such programs, it is necessary to identify the problem by reviewing the concepts of health determinants, prevention, and promotion. The WHO states that 60-90% of school-age children have caries. Prevention and early diagnosis have to be taken into account to reduce this prevalence. The treatment of lesions with a minimal intervention strategy is also of great importance. MIH is a condition with a prevalence that varies between 3 and 40% according to different authors. It would be interesting to include studies with uniformity of diagnostic criteria, as well as to go deeper into the most appropriate way to manage these patients. Other pathologies, such as fluorosis or gingivitis, should also be studied in detail. We should not forget that children in situations of child abuse present signs in the oral and perioral cavity.

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