

Special Issue

Teledentistry and Its Use in Dental Health

Message from the Guest Editors

The access to oral care for the general population and even more for frail people is a global public health issue. To try to combat this fact, the use of digital technologies had been implemented all over the world with more or less success. Teledentistry seems to be a good tool to improve access to oral health professionals, but still needs some global guidelines and scientific evidence. Teledentistry should be understood as the use of digital technologies to manage medical/dental activity remotely. It means that we include only telediagnosis and teletreatment as teledentistry. In every country, the regulation, health policy or medical need is different. That is why it is difficult to propose a universal teledentistry project. We still need to learn from each other to improve our knowledge about teledentistry: how could it be implemented? How will the patient react? How will the professional accept this new activity? Is there a sustainable economic plan for teledentistry? Is it a full revolution or just a new tool? Which device should be used to practice teledentistry? There are many questions that we will try to answer in this Special Issue.

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