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The New Advances in Pediatric Dental Caries

Message from the Guest Editors

Dental care has evolved immensely in recent years, and it is essential to reflect on where we are and where we are going regarding children's care, particularly dental care for children. Early childhood caries is one of the most prevalent dental problems, although this prevalence differs in different regions worldwide and is also related to the particular socio-economic context. Today, we have access to new methods that allow an early diagnosis of this pathology, avoiding more invasive procedures. Intraoral scanners and intraoral photographs are now more reliable and can more consistently provide an extensive amount of information significant for decision making on the therapy to be adopted. Knowing parents and the whole family, their habits, and how they treat their children is essential. We need to keep abreast of the latest advances and seek evidence that indicates what tools are worthy and can improve our care and, above all, the satisfaction and health of our patients. To adapt our methodology, we must investigate and create new evidence concerning these technological advances.

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