

# Special Issue

## Community Dental Care

### Message from the Guest Editors

Oral diseases are common noncommunicable diseases that affect people throughout their lifetime, causing pain, discomfort, disfigurement, and even death. Severe tooth loss and edentulism was one of the leading 10 causes of Years Lived with Disability in some high-income countries. It is well accepted that people's dental-related behaviours and socioeconomic background are linked to their oral health. To address the prevalent dental diseases, dental public health experts, dental associations, and local departments of public health should assess the oral health care needs of a community and develop policies and community dental care programmes to ensure that those needs are met. This Special Issue welcomes studies and reviews on community dental care, evaluation of community dental care services, and needs and barriers of community dental care. Articles on the development of community dental care programmes and reports on the launch of new community dental care programmes are within the scope of this Special Issue. This Special Issue can also include discussions and evaluations of existing community dental care services.

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