



Oral Health and Dental Caries

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dental caries is the most prevalent Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) and affects all age groups across the life course. Dental caries creates very significant personal, social, and economic burdens all over the world and presents the largest numerical impact across oral health. Caries disease is preventable and shares common risk factors with other non-communicable diseases. By controlling these risk factors, it is possible to improve not only oral health but also general health. In addition to the economic cost of treating dental caries in its advanced stages, it causes pain and other health problems with impact in people's quality of life. To deal with the pandemic of caries, it is necessary to join forces in both clinical and research aspects. Likewise, the implementation of multidisciplinary health education programs based on scientific evidence is necessary to allow clear, accurate and applicable protocols in both diagnosis and treatment at all stages of disease.





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