



Advances in Oral Health and Health Promotion Research

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Message from the Guest Editor

Oral health has been recognized as being strongly related to systemic health and overall well-being. The value of integrating oral and general healthcare systems in practice is still developing. A synergy of societal and individual public health campaigns are needed to reduce oral health inequalities. This is important for the prevention of caries and periodontal (gum) disease. Technology has also become an essential tool for providing more predictable treatment for an optimal oral rehabilitation. Policy makers should take in consideration the hygiene habits, without forgetting about the socioeconomic and socio-psychological determinants of lifestyle and health. In most countries, care-delivery models and financing for oral health are frequently more restricted than for medical care. Indeed, the cost of accessing a dental care provider could be a barrier. Thus, there is a need to improving the affordability of dental care.

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