



Oral Hygiene and Function: Lessons and Challenges for General Health

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Message from the Guest Editor

Oral health is related to oral environmental conditions and functional development or maintenance. Oral function includes nutrition intake, communication and aesthetics, and the role of the oral milieu is indispensable to human life. In recent years, it has been pointed out that dental or oral hygiene is associated with infectious diseases such as aspiration pneumonia, and that periodontal disease and diabetes are interrelated. Recently, it has been reported that oral function is associated with nutrition intake, sarcopenia and frailty. Therefore, it is necessary to improve the environment and take measures to maintain oral hygiene and function. This Special Issue aims to provide evidence that oral health contributes to general health by reporting that the oral environment and condition and the oral function are related to general health, and that certain oral conditions affect oral health.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Infection and oral hygiene;
- Oral mucous and saliva;
- Oral function and systemic function;
- Oral function for nutrition intake;
- Effect of medicine on oral health;
- Antiresorptive-agents-related osteonecrosis of the jaw.





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