



## State-of-the-Art of Oral Health in Japan and Other Aging Countries

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Oral diseases, such as dental caries and periodontal disease, are extremely detrimental to public health due to their high incidence, successively known to be associated with various systemic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes, rheumatism, cancer, etc. Japan is facing a super-aging society as well as a need to extend the healthy life span and improve the quality of life. To this end, one key issue is “oral health”, and the improvement of oral hygiene and chewing ability is known to be effective in reducing aspiration pneumonia and improving activities of daily living. Furthermore, we have to focus on oral health in children and adolescents, not only to survive the super-aging society, but also to improve the oral and general health of the next generation.

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