



Digital Dentistry: Advances and Challenges

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Message from the Collection Editor

With the advent of the explosion in data and the technical means to effectively lever them, dentistry is rapidly changing. Digital dentistry is today much more than computer-aided design and manufacturing: it entails diagnostics, decision-making, treatment conduct and re-evaluation, as well as lifelong management of patients' oral health. We are quickly moving toward workflows which are truly digital, beyond only the provision of dental restorations or implants, but permeate into every aspect of our profession. This will enable a predictive, personalized, preventive, and participatory dentistry (P4-dentistry) if all goes well. This if, however, is a big one: Despite all the excitement surrounding them, current applications and research findings suffer from a large range of limitations, and many studies in this emerging field do not fully adhere to established standards of rigorous planning, conduct, and reporting required in medicine and dentistry. The SI of the JCM will cover all of these aspects, and we invite you to participate. Your contribution can make this field richer, and we see this Special Issue as a marketplace of ideas, outlooks, and critiques or solutions.





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