

## Editorial

Chettinad Health City Medical Journal is an International, peer reviewed, quarterly medical journal. This issue of the journal has a special section focusing on Dentistry. Dentistry is the branch of medicine that is involved in the study, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders and conditions of the oral cavity. There are nine specialties in dentistry namely Oral Medicine and Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, Public Health Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Pedodontics and Preventive dentistry, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics and Crown and bridge, Conservative dentistry and Endodontics.

This issue carries original articles, review articles and case reports. The original article on Ectodermal dysplasia and malocclusion focuses on cranio maxillofacial deformation associated with it. A study on the knowledge, attitude and practice of prisoners in central India revealed that 75% of prisoners were deprived of dental treatment. Another article focuses on the role of untreated caries in school children and designing the interventional strategies with a view to attend to oral health care needs of children. Another article is an eye opener on malaria revealing that low platelet count is an additional diagnostic tool.

A review article discusses the usefulness of dental stem cells in regenerative therapies. The article on limitations and scope of orthodontic treatment in medically compromised patients revealed the implications of cardiovascular, endocrine and respiratory diseases on orthodontic treatment. A stitch in time saves nine states that periodontal diseases act as a focus of infection for many systemic diseases due to dissemination of microbial products to distant parts of the body. Another review article focuses on the oral health management of geriatric patients with common systemic disorders. Piezoelectric surgery is a minimally invasive osseous surgical technique developed in Periodontics to reduce the risk of damage to surrounding tissues.

The case reports are on Sickle beta Thalassemia, Endodontic Management of mandibular second premolar with two roots and three canals, McInnes solution for fluorosis stains and Warty Dyskeratoma which is a benign epidermal proliferation. An interesting ECG and medical updates complete the issue. We hope you will find this issue interesting. Please do give your valuable suggestions.

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