Recent research supports the strategies for identifying and precluding potential dental procedures

Oana Almasan
Department of Prosthetic Dentistry and Dental Materials, “Iuliu Hatieganu” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dear Editor,

With considerable enthusiasm, I perused the research by Chifor R. and co-authors (Chifor R, Badea IC, Dascalu (Rusu) LM). Preventing overtreatment in dentistry: causes, types and how to be avoided. Ro J Stomatol. 2022;68(2):63-68 on techniques for identifying and preventing possible dental procedures [1].

I would like to compliment the authors for their thoughtful review and give a few more thoughts.

According to the cited study, it is essential to recognize and identify the rationales of potential overtreatments as soon as feasible and to behave professionally to accomplish positive outcomes in preventing them. The results of the study highlight that besides ones relating to economic profit or organizational growth, the majority of the overtreatments were performed inadvertently [1].

The contemporary period encourages and motivates the dental profession to overcome unessential therapeutic interventions.

Conquest et al. evaluated the relevant worldwide research on capped-fee and fee-for-service funding strategies employed by government dentistry care. The study indicated that overtreatment was more frequent in the fee-for-service approach, whereas undertreatment was more common in the fee-capped model [2].

To accurately identify overtreatment, given the requirement for guidelines, certification, and general agreement strategies, it is recommended to construct a paradigm of essential dental care that encompasses urgent and fundamental dental medical treatment to enhance professional congruence [3].

Strategies are required to broaden the availability of clinically significant treatment, provide cost-effective insurance policy systems, and encourage patient-centered oral health, therefore dentists must actively engage in significant, framework reforms [4].

As future directions, the integration of artificial intelligence in collaborative decision-making may warrant careful consideration [5].

Since the principle of “primum non nocere” also pertains to dentistry, the highest standard of treatment for the patient’s health is advocated [6].

Conflict of interest: none declared
Financial support: none declared

REFERENCES

Corresponding author:
Oana Almasan
E-mail: oana.almasan@umfcluj.ro

Article History:
Received: 24 June 2022
Accepted: 29 June 2022