

# Editorial

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## Practice-based Research in Contemporary Dental Practice

We witness a tremendous increase in the number of publications in all fields of dental medicine. Every year the list of journals with impact factors expands and serves as one of the most relevant indicators of the quality of scientific publishing. The growing amount of new information is challenging for everyone who wants to keep up with the latest scientific findings.

Yet, it takes several years to transfer knowledge from science into practice. The need to overcome the problem of this slow transfer has boosted a more practical concept in critical thinking in dentistry—practice-based research. The symbiotic relationship between clinical practice, both general and specialist, and an academic input and guidance generates evidence-based practical information required for decision making in daily practice. Clinical practice serves as a continuing source of questions which require meticulous scientific approach in order to arrive at most relevant conclusions. Practice-based research networks are a growing trend in many countries and are yet to demonstrate their full potential.

It is clear that evidence-based knowledge and practice-based research are in the heart of contemporary dental practice. This is why The Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice serves as a great platform for sharing such findings related to all aspects of clinical practice. Its rapid review and publishing processes are in accord with the need for swift knowledge dissemination. The Journal's open access status ensures that relevant scientific information is readily available to all interested readers, clinicians, scientists, faculty and students of dentistry. Moreover, the presence of the Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice on major social networks, such as Facebook, Twitter and Orkut, opens new avenues for reader's feedback and further scientific discussion within the dental community.

The Journal of Contemporary Dental Practice is devoted to keeping up with the latest trends both in scientific and clinical practice but also in the ways of disseminating knowledge and serving the dental community. We are grateful to all contributors, authors and reviewers, for their continuous effort in creating a high quality dental journal.

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