

Special Issue

Psychosocial Impacts of Dental Conditions in Childhood

Message from the Guest Editors

The wider contribution of children's oral health to their overall wellbeing is increasingly being acknowledged. Clinicians, public health practitioners and researchers are therefore increasingly interested in the psychosocial impacts of various dental conditions and how interventions may affect a child's oral health-related quality of life. Children are eloquent and insightful in describing the social, emotional or functional impacts of their dental condition and treatment experiences, providing they are engaged in a suitably child-centred approach. Indeed, over the last decade or so, it has been encouraging to observe the emergence of novel ways of involving children in oral health research, to ensure that their opinions are listened to and valued. Consequently, we now have a much greater understanding of what it means to a child (and indeed their family) to have a dental condition such as caries, enamel defects or trauma. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, the following research areas:

- Pediatric dentistry
- Psychosocial impacts
- Oral health-related quality of life
- Dental conditions
- Caries
- Enamel defects
- Traumatic dental injury
- Child

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