

Special Issue

Dentistry and Vaccines

Message from the Guest Editors

Vaccines are unarguably the greatest medical achievement of all time, saving millions of lives worldwide. Therefore, the scope of this Special Issue goes beyond the traditional promotional role of dentists in the vaccination context. The first thematic area is vaccine hesitancy, a context-specific phenomenon; therefore, vaccination promoters and barriers among dental team members may differ from other healthcare professionals' groups. Dental curricula play a crucial role in helping future dentists understand their roles regarding vaccines and immunization. The second thematic area is vaccine safety, as oral/orofacial adverse events (AEs) can be reported/found in pharmacovigilance systems, requiring special attention from dental researchers and practitioners. Most of these AEs are mild and rare, but they may undermine the public's confidence in vaccines because they emerge unexpectedly. The third thematic area is vaccine effectiveness, as dentists and dental team members are threatened by numerous vaccine-preventable diseases during their routine practices; their vaccination schedules need to be regularly updated based on the best available evidence.

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