

Impact of COVID-19 on Dentistry

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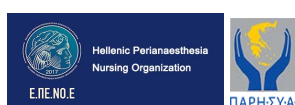
The pandemic of COVID-19 created a significant impact on healthcare, especially on dentistry. The transmission of this virus was through contact with droplets and aerosols. Most dental procedures are aerosol generated; hence, dentists are highly likely to acquire this infection through affected patients. This outbreak affected not only clinical practice but also the dental education system. Several associations developed new protocols and strategies to avoid this COVID-19 transmission in the dental operator. During the outbreak, many changes were brought to the dental environment, including the use of appropriate personal protection equipment, social distancing at reception areas, air purifiers, aerosol boxes, high vacuum sections, etc. Nonetheless, new strategies are becoming mandatory to face this emergency crisis around the globe. The pandemic calls for a reorganization of the dental profession, both for private and public sectors. This Special Issue aims to act as a scientific meeting point for all scientific papers related to dentistry and COVID-19. Documents addressing these topics are invited to this Special Issue.

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