Editor Note

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Introduction

Volume 6 Issue 8 provides a popourri of topics which aptly begins with a prospective look at how dentists in Central India envision their careers with respect to potential burnout. Very descript, interesting and precise questions are asked and this editor found the responses both fascinating if not soul searching and certainly worthy of future investigation. Methods utilized were concise and well thought out; every reader will find themselves asking these same questions while taking a look at one's values, character, and relative rewards derived from their profession both within and outside academic circles.

In the second article, Turagam et al. provide a fundamentally strong and concise look at the difficult challenges associated with newborns with cleft lip and palate, the rationale for management and simplified method for fabrication of an appliance that facilitates feeding until which time that surgical intervention to resolve the patency between the oral and nasal cavity can be attempted.

Saini provides a timely and informative editorial regarding the evolution and impact on the field of information technology and its potential future role in the field of Dentistry from record keeping, design of new materials, global information exchange, expanded public awareness, to research venues.

Vikstrom et al. present an enlightening look at how those who hold pedagogical development positions can influence learning outcomes at all levels of higher education. The role and responsibilities of those educators are articulately described as to how they may best address and influence curriculum needs and adjustments in a proactive and meaningful manner. This article is must reading for any student and faculty who make it their goal to pursue excellence.

Kanno et al. describe an innovative look at the methodologies available for which taste acuity is affected by thermal change and stimulation on all surfaces of the tongue.

Dasari et al. explore in a retrospective study the presence and clinical significance of pneumatized air cell defects in the zygomatic process and their impact on various surgical procedures involving the mandibular condyle and articular eminence which carry potential for inadvertent penetration and lead to dural tear and cerebro-spinal leakage. Their presence, according to the authors, carries potential impact on the spread of pathological processes, cranial sepsis and infection.