



Editorial

Dentistry in the times of COVID

The era of COVID 19 has from all perspectives, become an important historical landmark. The entire world has been affected in every possible way, starting from serious health issues to an entire spectrum of socioeconomic implications. Life, as we know, has ceased to exist worldwide.

As per a report of the New York Times, dentistry is one of the most exposed professions to the COVID 19 contagion. Dental professionals everywhere have had to step back and reassess their practices. One of the primary matters of concern has been the spread of the virus through aerosol and droplets generated by the dental procedure. Transmission amongst healthcare workers has been documented and the risk of cross infections is reportedly high between dental practitioners and patients owing to the characteristics of the dental setting.

Due to the all of above, major emphasis has been advocated in the management protocols for dentists and dental professionals. Special attention has been devoted to personal protective equipment such as surgical masks and respirators. Every possible effort has been aimed to minimize infection.

In the light of the above, it can be said that the dental professionals can play a significant role in stopping the transmission chain if operating in adherence to the safety protocols. Finally, the overall infective level of every dental procedure has to be reconsidered, with due respect to the new operative protocols formulated by national committees. Only with all these all encompassing measures will it be possible to reduce the risk of contagion for the health and safety of the community