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The new development in dentistry is upcoming of digitalization. Digital dentistry does not mean only use of CAD/CAM technology but it means majorily use of dental technology or equipment in comparison to conventional manner. It enhances the clinician efficiency in providing the accurate diagnosis & than treatment from the diagnosis made. The digital dentistry originated in way back in 70s when the first crown was made by CAD/CAM but these advances were expensive in the early 90s and took time to flourish.

Nowthese days, there are various digital technologies in the world of dentistry like CAD/CAM, CBCT, CT, Optical impressions & 3D bioprinters etc. The early detection of oral cancer was a major breakthrough in this series. Digital dentistry has taken a vital place in this field starting from maintaining electronic dental records to virtual dental assistants with use of artificial intelligence and reaching upto robotic dentistry in future.

In pandemic era, we all have seen the advantage of being digital, so a step towards sharing health information and access to health care information to remote areas has been made easy by this. As we are in this exciting era of digitalization, I believe our future budding dentists needs to be introduced to this great innovative technology in their curriculum and should have better training so that they can adopt this as soon as possible for the betterment in the patient care.

Digital applications are the best replacement of stressful invasive examination and treatment methods. I believe there should be more workshops and training sessions to our dental fraternity so that they have opportunity to improve their practical skills on this particular field. So, dedicated digital dentistry conferences explaining about latest trends and developments is an important event for our community and a great place to learn this new advent. And I would say that,

The Time to Go Digital is Now

Your's:

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