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When we talk about interdisciplinary/multi-speciality we think lot of things like it will require lot of time, could be complicated or overwhelming for our patients. But on contrary, the interdisciplinary dentistry has many advantages over one specialized dentist. Now these days, the era has come of multi-disciplinary dentistry which has become more widely accepted. A multi-disciplinary comprises of different dental practices in the same clinic /place. This kind of approach is beneficial for the patient as this will cater the patient complex work at one place in coherent manner. When dental specialist work together the treatment provided to patient is more novel and more cost effective. So, it is not one dentist who is taking care of the patient alone but it is the team of dentists who are treating the patient's dental issues together in a mannered way.

Another advantage of such multi-speciality/disciplinary dentistry is that the most complex aesthetic and functional dental problems patients can be treated with this multi- disciplinary approach. In case of patients with other systemic medical issues like stroke, cancer etc. requires specialized dental team to take care of their dental needs as such medical issues can make their dental treatment challenging.

In multidisciplinary dentistry the information is travelling between patient, dentist, specialist or rather say a team in which the case is being discussed after taking lot of discussion and checking all the pros and cons of that specified treatment provided to the patient. Few points to remember while practicing multi-speciality i.e. all team members working on one case should pass all the photographs of the concerned patient and record their observations prior to any discussion. Sharing of all records including photographs and diagnostic models should be properly shared within the team.

The main purpose of practicing multidisciplinary dentistry is to ensure that the patient receives the most effective treatment modality. Even, the advantages and disadvantages of each approach comes together to produce results that may not be found using a single discipline. I believe that now dentistry is revolutionary and recognized as skills centered specialist but it's simply a fundamental expression of being guided by holism rather than reductionism.

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