

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**


# Dental care provision in patients with learning disabilities and COVID-19 pandemic

Dear Editor,

I would like to share ideas on “The challenges of dental care provision in patients with learning disabilities and special requirements during COVID-19 pandemic.”<sup>1</sup> Indeed, there are many changes of dental practice and patient care during COVID-19 pandemic.<sup>1</sup> Only necessary and emergency dental procedures are performed. Regarding the specific group of patients who require dental care, special management might be necessary. For the patients with learning disabilities, a poor collaboration is expected and the prevention for COVID-19 during dental practice might be very difficult. The avoidance of dental procedures for those patients might be the ideas by some practitioners but it is necessary to have a good adjustment aiming at the best advantages for the patients.<sup>2</sup> During COVID-19 outbreak, it is questionable whether we should postpone all procedures for those patients or not. In fact, dentist has to follow standard infection control principles for all practices regardless of COVID-19 outbreak or not.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

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