

Aesthetic dental practice: between the medical practice and the socio-economic factors

Opinion

With the development of the medical practice the dental practice become mainly about two aspects. The first one is the one directly to its medical and clinical origins consisting of treating disease, delivering therapies^{1,2} and implementing preventive protocols. The second, aspects, is more recent and nor necessary clinical. It is rather about the appearance. Indeed, the number of clinics specialized in the dental aesthetic has considerably increased within the recent years.

However, the question of how it influence the quality of the clinical dental care since we can have the best doctors “migrating” from the clinical care to the dental aesthetic due to the attractive salaries and the better social status especially in the developing countries where the economic situation of many professionals even dentists is very limited which pushes many of them to search for solution to improve their situations and switch to the aesthetic dental practice. The policies of the insurance companies have obviously a strong influence on the financial aspects related to the imbalances between the aesthetic dental practice and the clinical one and aesthetic dental care is in the majority of cases available only to riche individuals.

The moral aspect and the importance of the appearance and the ethical aspects of medical intervention to modify it will not be discussed herein and is left to be debated within a multicultural platform under the diver’s regulations of each country.

Conclusion

Aesthetic dental practice is a reality^{3,4} (although the situation is not similar in the developing and the developed countries) with which policy makers, health care professionals. Health insurance companies and all the related organisms should deal with in order to both keep the dental clinical as the priority in term of health policy and also make the aesthetic dental practice more accessible and why not as accessible as the clinical care.

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