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editorial

Maternal and Child Dentistry: A fascinating new perspective!

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Through the pages of EJPD we wish to propose a new concept of preventive dentistry.

The idea is that every little patient should begin his or her preventive and therapeutic journey when they are very, very small... and therefore from when they are still in the womb!

We believe that true prevention begins with the mothers-to-be and involves the child already during foetal life. For this reason the very first years of life, during which the rapid growth is associated with the establishment of lifestyles, eating and oral hygiene habits that will affect forever the health of the child—and future adult—are extremely important.

Our goal as clinicians is therefore apparently simple: to increase the knowledge and improve the general well-being of mothers, infants and children. We believe that this goal can be achieved with a widespread information campaign, the multidisciplinary sharing of common goals, and the fundamental support of dental and paediatric professionals who can help us turn this dream into reality.

Therefore, starting from this issue of the European Journal of Paediatric Dentistry, we will try to foster a dialogue between paediatric dentists and all physicians who provide specialty care to mothers and children in order to promote an early oral and general health with increasingly solid basis, by entering the fascinating field of Maternal and Child Dentistry!!