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Title

Patient Preference in Prosthodontic Treatment Decision Among Elderly Patients

Abstract

Dental clinicians are encouraged to provide evidence-based dental care as well as patient-centred care. In order to make decisions which maximize patient well-being, clinicians need to understand how patients value the potential treatment options as well as the clinical outcomes. Positive treatment outcomes are achieved by not only through positive clinical outcomes but also the impact on psychosocial or psychocultural well-being. It should be remembered that Prosthodontic rehabilitation is not without some inconvenience for patients including the need for long treatment times, frequent dental visits, maintenance burden and/or surgical intervention. Particularly, considering the majority of patients undergoing teeth replacement are older adults, these important factors can impact their decision-making. As such, assessing patient preferences is now acknowledged as an essential element of patient-centred healthcare since these can encompass all aspects of healthcare interventions on patients' well-being. In my presentation, I would like to discuss the importance of patient preference in Prosthodontic treatment decision making among elderly patients.

Biography

Dr. Sayaka Tada is Assistant Professor of the department of Prosthodontics at National University of Singapore since 2018. Her major interest is about the management of partially dentate older adults, which ranges from a clinical decision-making process to a public healthcare system. She received her D.D.S. degree in 2007 and Ph.D. degree in 2012 from Osaka University, Japan. In 2014, she was certificated as prosthodontists from Japanese Society of Prosthodontics. After post-doc training in University College Cork (Ireland) and Osaka University (Japan), she worked as Assistant Professor of the Preventive Dentistry (WHO collaborating center) at Niigata University (Japan) between 2016 and 2017. She has been appointed an Associate Editor of Journal of Prosthodontic Research since 2019.