

The unprecedented events happening for the last few months have cast a pall of gloom on the medical fraternity including dentistry. While we have heard or seen many instances of natural calamities and war situations, this was totally unexpected and was like a “bolt from the blue”. The spread of the virus (SARS CoV-19) which causes the COVID-19 disease has led many dentists to ponder on whether to practice with necessary precautions or wait till the episode passes out. Financial considerations often overrule conventional wisdom and we dentists are not alien to this phenomenon. As the medical fraternity and government are trying their best to contain the situation, they are also in a tight spot because there is no precedent to follow or adopt. In this circumstance, the best way forward, I feel, is to follow the protocols set by the medical and dental bodies worldwide even as they keep changing to newer scenarios. The only silver lining in the present scenario is that dentists have taken the infection control protocols very seriously and meticulously to prevent the spread of the virus to themselves, dental assistants and the patients.



This forced that time out from our busy schedules should be taken as a time to rethink and regroup on the future of our profession. The new COVID protocols for dentistry should be seriously followed and updated at constant intervals. Meetings, gatherings and conferences have been cancelled or postponed, but on the other hand, a lot of scientific lectures are now available online.

Hoping for better times in the near future where we can lead near-normal lives.

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Jai Hind!

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