



EDITORIAL

The main purpose of the Naval Dental Journal is to promote the dissemination of knowledge by making scientific research accessible to all dentists. It is a channel for the publication of clinical studies and literature reviews, which occupies the honorable second position among the most accessed periodicals of the Brazilian Navy. Based on this satisfaction, we invite our readers to get to know the second issue of the 49th edition of RNO, which features six scientific articles, being two original articles, one clinical case report and three literature reviews.

The first original article evaluates the knowledge of an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nursing team regarding oral hygiene in critically ill patients under hospitalization and, based on this evaluation, the authors prepared an educational flyer aiming to improve the knowledge of the professionals. The second article brings a study on the cut resistance of new scalpel blades, after use and cleaning with different methods.

The case report addresses an endodontic treatment accomplished after root canal obliteration and pulp necrosis, resulting from dental trauma, in which, after a 3-year follow-up, it was possible to observe periapical tissues healing.

Finally, we present three literature review articles: the first one about the percentage of yttrium in the composition of monolithic zirconias and the influence on their properties; the second one expose different approaches to control orofacial pain in patients with head and neck cancer in palliative care; and finally, one about the lean healthcare methodology and its applicability in dentistry, regarding to the implementation of management processes in clinics, offices, and hospitals.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the authors of the studies published here, thanking them for their preference in choosing Naval Dental Journal, as well as their perseverance and merit in fulfilling such a noble vocation, which is the dissemination of scientific knowledge.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the members of the Editorial Board and Reviewers who, with a selfless spirit and remarkable professionalism, have worked hard to improve the information contained in the manuscripts, striving for excellence in every detail.

I wish you all an excellent and rewarding reading!

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