Dental Insurance: The Key to a Better Global Dental Health

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Dental diseases are one of the most common diseases around the world. The most common chronic disease in children is nothing but the Dental Caries. A staggering number of population suffer from periodontal disease. Around fifty three million people are living with untreated tooth decay in their permanent teeth only in America. With the increase in the global treatment costs the affordable dental treatment is out of reach for a large chunk of population around the world.

There are very few countries which has initiated various National Health Insurance Schemes funded by the governments. Some of them cover all kind of dental treatments, some covers only basic ones excluding cosmetic treatments. Some of them covers all types of dental treatment required for the children up to 18 years of age. In some schemes the cost is shared by the party and the government. These countries are Denmark, Austria, Germany, UK, Mexico etc. These countries have shown a distinct improvement in DMFT Score compared to the countries which do not have any scheme supporting Dental treatment.

Thus it can easily be stated that Government funded Dental Health Insurance Schemes play an important role in boosting awareness among general public and also make the treatments affordable to them so that they can get treated with the Dental diseases they are suffering from which ultimately improves the oral health status of that particular population.

I think such Insurance schemes should also be introduced in other developing or developed countries to fight with the dental disease and give the people a chance to live a better life.