

The Dental Laser Could Ease Children's Dental Treatments during Covid Pandemic

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Fear of the Covid 19 pandemic has made parents reluctant to check their children's dental check-ups and delay dental treatment. The primary reason for skipping dental visits is panic to be exposed to the Coronavirus. Although their concern is worth pondering, it should be noted that there is no need to worry about this because all dentists follow the health protocol and are very careful about their health and that of their patients.

A survey was conducted by Children's Hospital at Michigan Medicine revealed 40% of parents had not tried to get preventive care for their children since the pandemic started. In addition, 40% didn't want to risk exposing their child to COVID-19 [1,2].

In a telephone survey we had at the Sepideh Dental Clinic, most parents emphasized they have fear of the Covid pandemic, even if their children have dental problems. Interestingly, the reason the majority of parents referred to dental clinics did not want their dental insurance period to be expired at the end of the year [3].

It seems that the fear of the Covid pandemic has affected children's oral health worldwide. The outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) has induced a great fear in parents. Even for emergency dental treatment, they prefer to stay home and use pain-relieving instead of referring to dental offices or clinics. However, parents need to be reassured that pediatric dentists use all the necessary precautions to avoid the spreading of viral infections [4].

To overcome this fear, pediatric dentists should take special measures that can lead mothers and their children to dental offices and clinics without any fear of dental procedures and the Covid 19 epidemic. One of these measures is the use of lasers in dental procedures, which can reduce the time of dental works and eliminate the fear of children from devices such as turbines and handpieces.

Furthermore, dental laser technology can attract new patients. It can introduce technology with high-quality, and discomfort-free treatment which all parents and children looking for.

It is important to emphasize that research proves that dental practices present a very low risk of infection [5]; therefore, parents should be educated about this matter. Besides, dental laser technology and educating parents and their children about the benefits of dental lasers can help them overcome a significant decrease in the fear and anxiety that can be associated with dental procedures.

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