

Theme issue on the Dental Trauma Guide

EDITORIAL

Dental injuries are complex because there are six luxation types and nine fracture types, which may be combined. This means that there are more than hundred different trauma scenarios possible in the two dentitions. It is therefore not easy for clinicians to gather information to reach to the correct diagnosis, do the optimal treatment in the emergency situation and the best follow up. There are textbooks and manuals that may help in the emergency situation. However, printed material cannot for different reasons reach out to all places in the world. Internet has given us an opportunity to search information from almost any place on earth. A computer or a mobile telephone in the emergency room will give the clinician access to information as long as Internet is available. A research group at Copenhagen University, Denmark, in cooperation with IADT have developed a wonderful tool available for the clinician. In this issue, we have a theme: the Dental Trauma Guide, which is an interactive web page <http://www.dentaltraumaguide.org> to guide the practitioner facing trauma patients to aim at reaching correct diag-

nosis, treatment and follow up. The clinician can interact with the database in Copenhagen and get information on any specific injury type and combination injuries. The members of the great research group at Copenhagen University Hospital have done a fantastic job based on a database of more than 4000 cases and important research. We hope that the eleven articles on this theme will stimulate the readers and give all the necessary background to understand the potential of this tool to get online guidance from the Dental Trauma Guide. The best of all is that the Dental Trauma Guide is a gift to the world and is free for everyone to use. In a short time, this has been one of the most visited web pages in the field of dentistry. Please help us to spread the information about the Dental Trauma Guide to make it known to the world.

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