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Thank you for your Letter to the Editor. The IADT guidelines have over the years focused on assisting colleagues in the emergency treatment of traumatic dental injuries and served that purpose very well for the emergency situation. You have very valid points on prevention of trauma and initiatives like yours guiding the society in the best ways for prevention of dental trauma are also very important. We need more research in this field and articles that can guide us how to best prevent dental trauma. So far there are numerous published articles on different types of mouth guards but getting people to use mouth guards more in various sports situations is apparently not that easy.

Often, this is very much an attitude problem that makes the research approach more complex. Research and review articles in this field are welcome, and your initiative of guidelines based on literature and best practice is interesting. I suggest you make a proposal to the IADT board to form a group working with prevention issues.

Lars Andersson
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