

# Editorial

## PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND DENTAL RESEARCH

Dental private practice is one of the prime professions worldwide where the clinicians work with great deal of compassion and zeal. Quality of work they perform is not less than a perfect endeavor. The question is: why their expertise is unrevealed to the world just because they are not publishing or presenting their work? Their huge clinical experience goes unnoticed just because it is not being shared by them. Publishing or presenting the clinical work they are practicing can be the most valuable database in evidence-based dentistry. As a general scenario, private practitioners are so busy in their own practice that they hardly get time to write or present their work. Making organizations or networks can allow them to be actively involved in research, scientific publications and presentations. The clinicians and authors can help each other in such organizations. It means scientific authors who are interested in writing the papers or abstracts help clinicians to prepare their cases or research work for publications. Similarly, the authors also can get varieties of clinical data and topics to write the manuscripts. Symbiotic working of both can take the dental research to a new height. American Dental Association (ADA) in 2010 published the ADA News with an innovative program entitled 'Practice-based Research Networks (PBRNs)'<sup>1</sup>, where Dr Craig<sup>1</sup> said, 'Few opportunities exist within the dental profession for private practitioners to have direct impact upon the science base of clinical dentistry.' According to him, many practitioners demonstrated great difference between the conventional practice and the practice with PBRNs. The clinicians must be encouraged to involve in specific studies or clinical trials and also to participate in writing of abstracts and manuscripts. There is a need to sensitize them to publish or present their work so that the peers are benefited worldwide. The aim of research in health sciences is betterment of patients; clinicians are directly involved in patient care and hence no research is complete without their active involvement.



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