

Editorial

Identify Research Areas You can Best Perform

‘Jack of all master of none’ ... may be many a times true when the performance is concerned as a clinician or a researcher. You cannot play strings of many pianos at a time ... so identify one and master the same. In initial stages of career, young clinicians and researchers should aim to select the field of work they want to be the master at. It’s very difficult to select the field of research at the initial stages of career, especially when lots of things are unclear. Exponential expansion of the published literature, rapidly developing technology, digital era, social networking, availability of the infrastructure, library support, required laboratory, institute policies, openness of minds of the colleagues, enthusiastic mentors or guides, happy work places are some of the important confounding factor to select the research field. ‘Catch them young’ is a good concept to sensitize students by allowing them to attend research conferences, presenting scientific papers, meeting the peers and exchanging the ideas across the globe. Good to have many dental organizations focusing on student research conferences. This is how the young brains may get stimulated. It helps identifying the loopholes in the research and young scientists start working on it from the beginning of their career.



I remember, while discussing about career plans in prosthodontics, Dr Chowdhary (EIC, IJOPRD) once said that the research is something you continuously explore a particular area and go beyond the thoughts already established. It is an ongoing process and continues throughout the life. Development of ‘one good concrete idea’ always weighs more than too many half done things. Scientists pour decades of their precious life in it and, ultimately, the entire mankind is a beneficiary. The most precious thing in the world is a ‘thinking brain’. Enormous ‘research grants’ are hence offered by the governments, organizations and trusts throughout the globe.

“The articles included in the present issue are mainly highlighting geriatric patient care namely combination of fixed-removable prosthesis, sectional denture, sandwich denture, cheek-plumber denture and patient care in Malaysian geriatric population. Other articles included current trends of dentist-technicians relationship, clasp retention in removable partial dentures and guided tissue regeneration in endodontic-surgery.”

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