



Newsletter for the first day of the 45th Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC)

Global Oral Health Policy Summit



Forum Day 1: Tue. May 02, 2024

Forum Venue: Taipei International Convention Center (TICC) 101B

Today's Asia Pacific Dental Congress is all about boosting oral health for older adults in our region. With the population aging rapidly, oral diseases are on the rise. Experts from various countries are coming together to tackle with this issue head-on. From Taiwan to Nigeria, these experts are pooling their knowledge to develop strategies for better oral health in older adults. They're urging policymakers to prioritize oral health care, integrating it into overall health services. They're also calling for more training for dental professionals and better education for the public. It's a united effort to ensure that older adults across Asia-Pacific enjoy healthier smiles and better overall well-being.





Among today's lineup of speakers are renowned experts speakers includes Dr. Yung Chung Chen from Taiwan, Dr. Nelson Wong from Hong Kong, Dr. Olabode Ijarogbe from Nigeria, Dr. Yung Min Chang from Taiwan, Prof. Chun Hung Chu from Hong Kong, Dr. Faith Zheng from Hong Kong, Prof. Je Ping Hu from Taiwan, Dr. Alice Chan from Hong Kong, Prof. Gustavo Molina from Argentina, and Prof. Yu Chao Chang from Taiwan.

Policy Declaration

Promoting oral health for older adults in the Asia-Pacific region

The Asia-Pacific region grapples with a growing elderly population and widespread oral diseases. Aging, medical conditions, and polypharmacy heighten vulnerability to oral issues among older adults. Recognizing oral health's pivotal role in overall well-being, the Asia Pacific Dental Federation hosted the 2024 Congress. Experts convened to develop strategies for promoting oral health among older adults. Recommendations urge policymakers to ensure universal oral health coverage and integration into general care. Professional organizations must facilitate interprofessional training, disease surveillance, and community-based education. Academic institutions should integrate geriatric oral care into curricula and conduct research for evidence-based practices. Dental professionals must prioritize regular screenings, employ risk factor analysis, and adopt minimally invasive treatments for oral disease management.





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Managing Early Childhood Caries in Asia Pacific Region

Early childhood caries (ECC) affects half of preschoolers in Asia, yet many go untreated, impacting growth and quality of life. The Asia Pacific Dental Federation (APDF) held a workshop at the 2024 Congress, forming an ECC working group. Recommendations include annual check-ups, government partnerships, diet policies, and parental engagement. Surveillance systems and minimally invasive treatments are urged for effective ECC management and prevention.

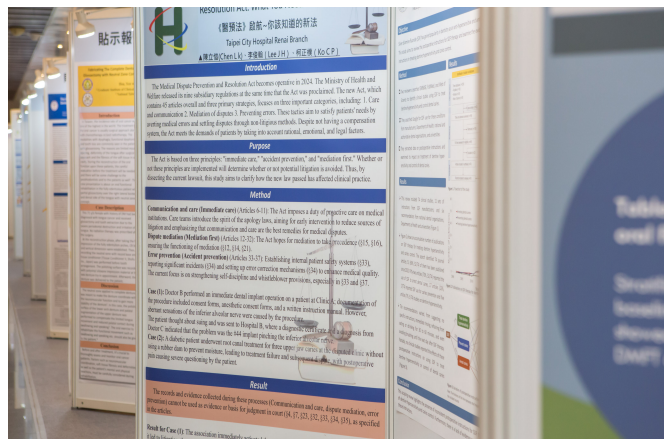




Policy Declaration

Special Care Dentistry for people in Asia Pacific Region

The Asia Pacific Dental Federation convened experts at the 2024 Congress to address Special Care Dentistry (SCD) in the region. Disparities exist in SCD implementation across Asia, with notable progress in Japan, Malaysia, and Korea, and emerging initiatives in Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Recommendations include ensuring accessibility, promoting education and prevention, fostering collaboration, mandating SCD training, and adopting a multidisciplinary approach. These efforts aim to uphold the rights of individuals with disabilities to equal oral care access.



Tomorrow promises to be even more exciting as we dive into a series of enriching academic talks aimed at expanding knowledge and skills. Attendees can look forward to discovering cutting-edge techniques and equipment showcases at the exhibition hall. It's an event you won't want to miss!



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