



Pediatric Dental Care: A Review of the Literature

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What are the Challenges in Pediatric Dental Care?

The challenges in pediatric dental care are numerous and complex. One of the most significant challenges is the prevalence of dental caries in children. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), dental caries is the most common chronic disease of childhood, affecting over 90% of children worldwide. This is a major public health concern because dental caries can lead to pain, infection, and even tooth loss if not treated. Another challenge is the issue of dental anxiety. Many children experience fear and anxiety when visiting the dentist, which can make it difficult for them to receive the care they need. This is often due to a lack of understanding of what is happening and a fear of pain. A third challenge is the issue of access to dental care. Many children, particularly those from low-income families, do not have access to dental care. This is often due to a lack of dental insurance and a shortage of pediatric dentists in certain areas. Finally, there is the challenge of dental trauma. Children are often active and curious, which can lead to accidents and dental trauma. This can be a major concern for parents and practitioners alike.

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