"Doctor, my tooth is broken": The relevance of dental research in clinical practice.

Abstract
Does current dental research have relevance to practice today? Few of the hundreds of papers published annually result in guidance for predictable treatment outcomes for individual patients. Arithmetic means and survival statistics are helpful but do not address the multifactorial problems involved in managing a specific clinical scenario. This paper will explore possible methods to narrow the dichotomy between research and practice to benefit the public we serve.

Learning Objectives

- To understand the limitations of current research methodology when treating individual patients.
- To demonstrate avenues along which we could improve the clinical relevance of dental research.

Biography
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