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Title
Interdisciplinary Dentistry: Clinical Relevance

Abstract
Many clinicians agree that interdisciplinary dentistry is necessary to achieve optimal outcomes from dental treatment. Some have even said that if you attempt to do everything yourself, it's the sure way to mediocrity. Rick Roblee, in his book “Interdisciplinary Dentofacial Therapy” published in 1987 spoke of an interdisciplinary approach, combining prosthodontics, orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontics and the laboratory technologist in collaboration to achieve optimal outcomes. The focus always has been and always will be the patient. Specialists take the time and effort to specialize. But if the specialist only deals with his or her specialty and cares little about anything else, then this will not be right. Being a specialist means that one has the academic training and clinical skills to perform a treatment in that one discipline at a very complex and high level. This does not empower one to forget that the patient he or she is treating needs other services as well. In many cases these other services should be given the required priority in cooperating properly with the general practitioner or other specialists. Unless the patient and his or her needs are the focus of a comprehensive treatment the performance of any one specialized procedure is not sufficient.

Learning Objectives
1. Establish the difference between multidisciplinary dentistry and interdisciplinary dentistry
2. Emphasize the importance of a team leader
3. Determine how the patient benefits from interdisciplinary dentistry

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