



Dentistry: A global profession

Regardless of where in the world they practice, clinicians have many commonalities, addressing similar pathologies and treatment goals with only slight variations in the techniques they employ. Worldwide, the most important dental treatment outcomes for the vast majority of patients are esthetics and efficient, pain-free function. As dentists, we also take into consideration the patient's oral and masticatory health. Some also argue that dentists should also play a larger role in patients' general health evaluations and treatments. The commonalities among practitioners around the world make any new knowledge or breakthrough in one area relevant to all dentists internationally.

At *Quintessence International*, we consider our audience to be general practitioners. One of our major goals is to share knowledge with dentists worldwide. Taking into consideration the key role of subjective experience in dentistry, we publish unique cases and methods in addition to breakthrough discoveries and well-designed studies.

The number of manuscripts submitted to *QI* has more than tripled in the past 3 years, and the published manuscripts are submitted from around the globe: Africa, Asia, Australia, the Middle East, South and North America, Europe, the Pacific and Indonesia, and more. The quality of the manuscripts and the innovation they offer constantly increases, and the acceptance rate changes as a result.

Our team of reviewers at *QI* is also becoming more international. In 2005, *QI* reviewers hailed from mainly the United States and Germany—

today, we have reviewers from 37 different countries on 5 continents, helping us make decisions regarding the huge numbers of manuscripts we receive.

With the global availability of knowledge, dentistry is rapidly becoming more universal, and we hope that *QI* will be a key player in this process. Our published material includes articles that may interest dentists regardless of their location, increasing knowledge and sharing experiences. We often receive well-written manuscripts that are less relevant to worldwide dentistry—for example, a manuscript describing the prevalence of a pathology in a certain town. Although well written, the well-designed study would not add much to the general pool of knowledge. This does not mean that it would not be very important and useful for the local community; rather, it simply means the article would be better suited for a domestic journal.

We currently receive an exceptionally large number of submissions from all over the world. Although it is difficult to reject well-written articles, some are not appropriate for *QI*'s scope as it becomes fundamental in dentistry's road to becoming highly universal. We work to serve the dental community worldwide with innovation, experience, and quality dentistry.

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