



More clinically relevant and more evidence based: a new look for *Quintessence International*

As the world of dentistry continues to progress with new technologies, challenges, and techniques, *Quintessence International* is taking on a series of improvements. The purpose of these modifications is to better serve the general practitioner as well as give *QI* a heavier emphasis on the clinical aspects of dentistry.

Quintessence International's appearance is the first in this series of changes, including a new cover and interior design. Starting with the first issue of 2014, the content will be reorganized to maximize the relevance of the journal. Simultaneously, our evidence base will be further substantiated.

The content will also focus more prominently on clinically relevant articles. This means we will be less inclined to accept basic science articles, either employing in-vitro methods or animal research. We recognize the importance of these studies for the world of dentistry, but *Quintessence International* aims to reach the general practitioner, and gives less emphasis to the explorative phase of new developments.

We will continue to accept original articles related to dentistry and oral diseases, with a strong focus on the needs of the general practitioner. The journal aims to serve dentists in their practice by sharing and improving knowledge and experience. It may be that a well-written article describing an interesting and well-designed study will not be considered for *QI*, simply because the topic is too specific and probably relevant only to a limited group of dentists.

Striving to make *Quintessence International* more accommodating to the entire dentistry community, we have added a new group of editors to our team. In addition to the existing dedicated and skilled editors who have been carefully reviewing and selecting the papers published in each edition of *QI*, a panel of well-

known clinicians will work on topic reviews written by leaders in their field. We will also continue to select and translate the best clinical papers published in other languages from a range of Quintessence journals, keeping you up to date with the latest clinical issues.

The new look will include classification of each published paper by discipline. We will use a standard list of categories: Restorative Dentistry, Endodontics, Periodontology, Prosthodontics, Esthetic Dentistry, Implantology, Pediatric Dentistry, Orthodontics, Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Orofacial Pain, Radiology/Imaging, General Dentistry, Practice Management, and Community Dentistry.

On *QI's* website as well as in the printed edition, authors can find detailed guidelines thoroughly explaining the changes. Accepted papers will also be published online as pre-print articles, shortening the publication time, and ultimately improving the impact factor of the journal.

Along with the world of dentistry, *Quintessence International* will continue changing to better accommodate the general practitioner. In doing so, we turn to you – our valued reader base – to suggest any ideas for topic reviews. Please email us any topics of interest and we will try to incorporate them.

We look forward to bringing you the new-look *QI* in 2014.

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