Along with that, dental professionals can be expected to move closer to consensus, with recommendations to patients that are more thoughtful, logical, predictable, and consistent. The role of the dentist in presenting the treatment plan is changing from that of final authority in all decisions to that of content expert, educator, and advisor to the patient.

The first part of a treatment planning manuscript includes diagnoses and at least three treatment options that have been discussed with the patient. Additionally, the pros and cons of each option need to be briefly explained, including evidence (if available) supporting a specific decision. The agreed-upon option is presented in the second part of the manuscript, including images of the clinical steps and the final outcome. A short discussion is required at the end, which explains the rationale behind the presented treatment option.

Unfortunately, many of us today focus on the presentation of nice clinical images of our “best cases” to present ourselves in the most favorable light. We would like to share and discuss the
foundations of treatments, which are as important as the final outcomes, so that we may all learn and benefit from each other’s experience.

If you are interested in contributing in this manuscript category, please feel free to get in touch with us. We will be happy to help you be a future author for the IJED.

Enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours,

Alessandro Devigus

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