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ABSTRACT

Among the locally recognized dental specialties, Periodontics remains an enigma to most students of dentistry and established dentists, themselves, as its role isn't quite established comprehensively, in the 4-year standard Dentistry course. The role of Periodontics is encompassing. Running the gamut from preventive care, corrective / functional care and supportive/ maintenance care, as the specialty involves the maintenance and care of all supporting structures of the teeth: the gingiva and bone. Simply put, Periodontics should be a mindset for comprehensive patient care, as it deals with one spectrum of oral health burdens, namely, periodontal disease, and, relating to the other spectrum end of burden being, dental caries, together with an individual's overall health. Periodontics' long term goal is to keep all dentition intact and in functional health. If dentition health and longevity is compromised by a course of pathology, iatrogenic or idiopathic, then the role of periodontics shifts from prevention to interventional, and delves within the realm of Restorative, Prosthetic and even Implant Dentistry. The natural dentition and its viable replacements, such as dental implants and prosthetics, will always deal with the continued health and integrity of the periodontium. It is high time to appreciate the relevance of Periodontics, Periodontal Esthetics and Implantology, in everyday dentistry.