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At the time of COVID 19 pandemic, there was a high level of anxiety with stress as there was progressively spread of COVID-19 infection. To prevent this infection, new COVID-19 guidelines were issued by World Health Organization. COVID-19 pandemic effected healthcare system globally including private as well as government health care sector. Due to this pandemic, there was lot of change in infrastructure as well as working of the institutions and private dental set ups. Lot of changes observed during this period like there has been increased awareness of health insurance, there was lot of government policies upcoming for the benefit for the patient & one more major change happened in the healthcare system was up gradation of technology used. This up gradation of technology actually bridged the gap between urban and rural India in dental care system.

With the help of technology, dental healthcare was available to rural places as well during pandemic. During this time, major issues were resolved and new improvisation take place like teledentistry, digi-doctor services and various apps helpful in initial diagnosis of the dental patients. This biggest pandemic of our times have given us the knowledge to fill the gaps which was in our health care system and also highlighted the importance of investing in “well-being” at both levels that is personal as well as at the level of system.

During relieving of dental services after the lockdown, we are in the stage of fully functioning of dental set ups but few challenges we have to face in dental settings like infection control and prevention in the dental office setting like maintaining all the protocols starting from teledentistry to adopting all the precaution considering every patient as carrier of the infection, second is the access of the patients needing oral healthcare which are reluctant to approach in dental setup after pandemic, third all the dental practitioners have to be updated themselves due to the change after pandemic. In future due to this pandemic, few questions are still unanswered like whether we have to adopt new workflow or layout of dental clinics which should be permanently changed and whether use of PPE should be used in future for treating the dental patients as a precautionary measure. I always believe that:

“Change is the only constant in life”

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