Research Session with The Editors of The International Journal of Dental Hygiene

"From Data to Papers, Brush Up Your Publishing Skills"

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SPEAKERS:

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Prof. dr. Dagmar Else Slot (ACTA, Amsterdam the Netherlands), a Dental Hygienist by training and heart, is closely connected to daily clinical practice. She has a strong track record in research and Master/PhD student thesis supervision. Education is her passion and management is partly her job including the Co-editor-in-Chief role of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene. Her students make her proud, in particular the diverse dental healthcare professionals doing a master or PhD, when they bring in clinical questions and then take back science to the clinic. In her spare time, she is a dairy farmer's wife who likes to make blueberry jam and enjoys wood carving!

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Jeanie trained as a Dental Hygienist at the University of Alberta, Canada.

Following roles in clinical practice and teaching, she moved to the Department of Periodontology, University of Bern, Switzerland, beginning her research activities. For many years Jeanie was involved in patient care, post-graduate teachig and clinical research at UCL Eastman Dental Institute Unit of Periodontology where she was Associate Professor and Director of the MSc Dental Hygiene Programme. Her most recent roles include Honorary Senior Lecturer at University of Glasgow Dental School and Honorary Clinical Lecturer, University of Siena, Italy as well as private practice clinician.

Learning content/abstract

This session provides a comprehensive overview of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene, with a focus on its scope, aims, and the types of authors currently contributing to the journal. Participants will gain insight into contemporary publication standards and receive practical guidance on how to successfully prepare and submit a manuscript. Particular attention is given to the appropriate use of international ethical standards, including ethics committee or review board approval, informed consent, and trial registration where applicable. The session will also address the importance of reporting guidelines, such as CONSORT, STROBE, and PRISMA, and explain which elements are specifically important to include in a publication according to current best practices. Common challenges, such as balancing comprehensive reporting requirements with strict journal word limits will be discussed, along with practical and elegant solutions. Finally, this session highlights the pivotal role of dental hygienists and dental therapists in disseminating highquality research derived from clinical projects, evaluations, and studies. Strengthening publication output from within the profession contributes to scientific visibility, evidence-based practice, and the continued advancement of dental hygiene.

Presentation aim

The aim of this session is to equip dental hygienists and dental therapists with the knowledge and practical tools needed to publish high quality research in peerreviewed journals, with specific reference to the International Journal of Dental Hygiene.

Learning outcomes

After attending this session, participants will be able to 1. Identify key publication standards and ethical requirements by reviewing journal policies and international guidelines with full adherence to accepted research ethics. 2. Explain and show the scope and author profile of the International Journal of Dental Hygiene during professional discussions) with accurate alignment to the journal's aims. 3. Apply appropriate reporting guidelines when preparing a manuscript to ensure completeness and transparency of research reporting and develop strategies to manage word limits while drafting a manuscript without compromising methodological and ethical reporting quality.