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Prosthodontic care of geriatric patients

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The proportion of the geriatric population is on rise as the life expectancy of the population has increased due to advancements in medical health care technology. Accordingly, there are increased dental care needs also among the elderly population. The state of edentulousness is more likely to be apparent with the advanced age. The loss of teeth results in compromised nutritional intake. The geriatric prosthetic needs differ from a standard oral rehabilitation as it addresses elderly individuals with multiple problems as a consequence of aging. Oral health has a direct and marked influence on the general health. It affects function, esthetics, speech, food intake and social well being. It has a bearing on quality of life. Hence, prosthodontic rehabilitation of edentulous geriatric patients aims at restoring the oral functions and health in addition to adding to the quality of life. It takes into account the physiologic states associated with aging. This presentation discusses prosthodontic care in geriatric population.

Biography

Manu Rathee is Senior Professor & Head of Department, Prosthodontics at Post Graduate Institute of Dental Sciences, India. She has done BDS in 1996, MDS in 2001 and DNB in 2004. She is Member, Executive Council, Indian Prosthodontic Society and Chairperson for Board of Post Graduate Studies, Health University, Member of National Academy of Medical Sciences, Fellow of the International College of Dentists and Pierre Fauchard Academy. She has presented papers at national and international conferences and participated in over 100 conferences. She is on the Editorial Board of journals and Reviewer for dental and medical journals, on the panel of examiners for various universities. She has more than 100 publications.

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