

As I wrote in the first editorial, one of my goals is to encourage students to contribute articles. It is with great pleasure that I can announce that students are indeed submitting articles. These articles are written by students who are studying for either bachelor or masters degrees.

I strongly feel that students who submit articles for publication are likely to continue to write, conduct research and publish after they graduate. Moreover, these students will continue to contribute to the scientific body of knowledge within the dental hygiene discipline upon graduation.

With this in mind, I encourage all readers, both students and those within dental hygiene faculties, to work together in developing manuscripts that will further strengthen our knowledge base and ultimately enhance dental hygiene care provided to society.

In the second issue, Tobacco Cessation was written by Ms Denise Parker who was enrolled at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, USA, in the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Degree Completion Programme. The article was stimulated by her student advisor and Associate Professor Christine Nathe.

In this issue, the article Oral Healthcare in Long-Term Care Facilities by Ani Pino and Marisa Moser was written by students who are studying for a Bachelor of Science degree, while the article Quality Assurance in Health Care: Past, Present and Future was written by Ebony Bilawka, a student enrolled in the Master of Science degree. The last article was written in collaboration with Bonnie J. Craig an Associate Professor and Director of the Bachelor of Dental Science Programme in Dental Hygiene at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada.

As an editor, it is stimulating to receive articles written by students for it is these (future) dental hygienists who are our destiny. They not only share the body of knowledge of dental hygienists right now, but will do so in the future.

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