

Rebounding & Resilience



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It is heartening to know that we are still managing to practice and thrive despite the ongoing impact of Covid-19. Although the pandemic has affected everyone's personal and professional lives, I am inspired by the resilience of my AACD colleagues in dentistry, dental laboratory technology, and dental product companies. You are all survivors and have discovered ways to rebound, reinvigorate, and reinvent yourselves to deliver optimal dental care and services to your patients and clients.

In this vein, be sure to take advantage of the AACD's resources such as its online open forum, MYAACD Network (network.aacd.com/home). It is there to provide you with a community of like-minded professionals, where no question is irrelevant or insignificant and all ideas are welcome. We AACD members hold ourselves to a higher standard and treat each other with mutual respect and admiration. Do not be afraid to ask anything, no matter how trivial you may feel the topic is. We will all learn from it.

In this issue of the *Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry (jCD)*, I am pleased to introduce Dr. Calin Pop. Not only is he a remarkable dental photographer and clinician, but he also has truly taken the use of the rubber dam in dentistry to another level. His article will motivate you to reexplore the possibilities with this invaluable device. In addition, one of the pioneers of dental photography, Dr. Irfan Ahmad, presents the second part of his article on standardization for clinical and nonclinical dental photos. He is a genuine master of his craft.

It is vital that the *jCD* continue to publish important information from our dental schools. I appreciate the work of A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health faculty members Dr. Hesham Abdulkarim, Dr. Akshay Vij, and Dr. Dwight McLeod and their article regarding the value of CBCT and intraoral scans.

In closing, I want to thank my AACD colleagues Dr. Eric Hull and Dr. James Peyton, who share their experience and expertise with AACD Accreditation Case Type I; Dr. Kevin Brown and Dr. Ingrida Ivance, who demonstrate their conservative bonding techniques; and Dr. Andi-Jean Miro and Dr. Ilon Choai, who offer their perspectives on clinical photography.

As always, you can email me at edwardl@aacd.com to share your thoughts and ideas. Please stay safe and keep healthy!

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