

Editorial

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We are extremely delighted to announce that IJCID has adopted an online platform for our article submission, reviews and edits. This will expedite the process of having your scientific materials in print in a systematic and efficient manner. The digital age has its own edge, but the pleasure of holding the physical copy and peruse the pages still has a flavor that many still savor. Kindle and Nook have begun to make some dents in big stores like Barnes and Noble, but it still has not detracted the hardcore "hard-bound" readers or the avid paperback bibliophiles. Analogies can be made with the plastic cards that have replaced paper money, but the feel and the emotional affinity to the "greenback" still provides for a thrill.



The two part series of implant design by Drs. Valen, Locante weaves the synergism of implant design and biomechanics. There are several designs available in the market today, but few have provided any biomechanical rationale. The plethora of implant systems that have flooded the market has created confusion even amongst engineers and scientists. It further underscores the need to have some valid evidence upon which these implant designs have been developed. The diametrically opposite views of the systems and the evolution of "copy cat" designs have created anarchy in the field of oral implantology. Again the onus is upon the practitioner to do his or her due diligence in selecting the appropriate implant type for their patients.

On the technology front we are again at the mercy of implant companies to teach us clinical protocols. Where is the role of Academics in this equation? Schools are slowly drifting away from "teaching the concepts" and have begun to align with corporate entities to do the "promotions" on their behalf.

In the final analysis I am alone responsible for what I prescribe for my patients. No one else is going to come to my defense.

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