

The value of Endodontic Sciences experts

Endodontics is a specialty taught with great rigor, criteria and scientific base in most schools of Dentistry. This fact stimulates dental surgeons to seek a postgraduate course in order to complement their formal education.

Among the wide variety of postgraduate courses in Endodontics available in Brazil, the pursuit of technical-scientific improvement has been one of the main targets. The great majority comprises scientific-based courses, but our practice reveals an avalanche of discussions that focus on a few technological resources. Perfect scientific-based endodontic knowledge is essential to establish the basis for the application of new technology. In many cases, the professional lacks knowledge on diagnosis, which will certainly affect other areas, starting with planning and therapeutic management. Professionals with psychomotor skills, who master the new technologies and scientific knowledge available, will certainly stand out from the crowd.

Scientific knowledge has been increasingly required, given that Endodontics establishes a strong relationship with other specialties, namely: Cosmetic Dentistry, Periodontology, Prosthesis, Surgery, Pathology, Radiology, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, among others. Seen in these terms, the specialist must cross the borders of his own space, which creates a need for broadening his knowledge.

Nevertheless, any information revolution brings change. The success of this specialty is of great value for health and is responsible for conducting changes in the professional's daily behavior with regard to technological innovations. In this context, the specialization courses must be urgently reviewed, better planned, discussed, structured and implemented.

Good endodontists are essential to Dentistry, since they occupy a privileged position of healthcare professionals who are highly respected by professionals of other areas. The professional of Endodontics is expected not only to have good formal education, but also to implement and correctly as well as coherently disclose the Endodontic Science.

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