Journal of the California Dental Association reviews the importance of research in dental education

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Sacramento, Calif. — The January 2020 issue of the Journal of the California Dental Association features articles that explain why maintaining innovative research programs in dental schools is integral to preparing students for a dynamic future in dentistry.

“It is imperative that we maintain the drive for new knowledge as a core value in our educational institutions and private practices,” said Kerry K. Carney, DDS, editor-in-chief of the CDA Journal. “Exposing trainees to the principles and practice of science fuels a sense of curiosity and is one of the primary tools for teaching critical thinking, which in turn promotes a habit of lifelong learning.”

The article “The Importance of Research in Dental Education and Practice” describes how dental students develop a deeper appreciation for the biosocial underpinnings of the dental profession through meaningful scientific experiences and exposure to discovery science.

Next, “Enriching the Oral Health Sciences Workforce” calls on dental schools to renew their investments in training the next generation of clinician-scientists to prepare for the rapidly changing health care environment.

And the article “History and Importance of Research in Dental Education” takes the reader on a historical journey tracing the scientific roots of the dental profession from ancient civilizations to the fast-paced and technology-driven present.

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