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Advances in Caries Management
CDA explores new research findings in managing dental disease

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Sacramento, Calif. – The October issue of the *Journal of the California Dental Association* is sponsored by the CDA Foundation and devoted to advancing the practice of dental disease management. Articles in the publication focus on new research findings validating the use of risk assessment in managing caries and outlining the challenges and opportunities that exist when attempting to implement this philosophy in clinical practice.

This issue explores pediatric caries management by risk assessment protocols in the article “Into the Future: Keeping Healthy Teeth Caries Free: Pediatric CAMBRA Protocols.” In addition, the October *Journal* examines the results of a six-year retrospective study validating Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) in a Caries Management By Risk Assessment (CAMBRA) program.

Expanding on the various approaches to caries prevention is the article “Prevention-Centered Caries Management Strategies During Critical Periods in Early Childhood,” which explores maternal dental care and xylitol, infant xylitol, PVP-iodine and fluoride, preschool diammine silver fluoride, sealants in erupting permanent molars and school-based toothbrushing and public health dissemination of fluoridated toothpaste.

“This issue presents specific prevention-centered caries management strategies that should form the basis of clinical interventions targeted at children during critical phases in childhood,” said Kerry Carney, DDS, editor-in-chief of the *Journal*. “Given that there is no magic bullet to prevent dental caries – or other dental diseases – behaviors that reduce risk must be repeated over time.”

Journal readers will also learn the importance of communication between providers and patients and how to motivate patients to adopt healthy behaviors in the article “Motivational Interviewing Concepts and the Relationship to Risk Management and Patient Counseling.”

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