

Pediatric dentistry: Past, present, and future

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With 33 years of clinical experience as a private practitioner and participation in numerous international conferences, I have observed the evolution of pediatric dentistry over the past three decades. This lecture will examine the past and present of pediatric dentistry and discuss its future in Korea in response to the rapidly declining birth rate. The following topics will be addressed:

1. Changes in the relationships between parents, patients, and dentists, and the evolution of behavior management strategies.
2. The shift from caries-focused treatment in the 1990s to a more prevention- and function-centered approach in pediatric dentistry.
3. The connection between oral function and systemic health, and its clinical applications.

Through this discussion, we aim to explore sustainable directions for the development of pediatric dentistry and propose strategies to address future clinical and academic challenges.

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