



Editor's Note: Inaugural Issue of the International Journal of Oral and Dental Health

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It is my distinct honor and pleasure to have my remarks included in the inaugural issue of *The International Journal of Oral of Dental Health*. With the accelerated rate of change brought on by global connectivity and the rapid advance of new technologies, the birth of this 21st century journal addressing current issues in oral and dental health is a welcome addition to the field for clinicians and researchers alike. As a bone biologist with interests in the osseointegration of dental implants, orthodontic tooth movement, craniofacial development, and osteonecrosis, I look forward to reading about the latest achievements in these areas as they relate to improvements

in the oral and dental health of present and future patients. In my own studies I have helped to create animal models to advance our understanding of the mechanisms at work in bone at the tissue and cellular level in response to mechanical, physiological and pathological stresses. This new journal promises to be an important intersection at the crossroads of laboratory science and clinical practice where the broad and diverse journal readership can make the important connections needed to translate the science and bridge the gap to clinical practice required to create a better future of oral and dental health for everyone.