

## Letter to Editor

**F**orensic Odontology is a branch of dentistry which has recently gained an emphasis as a separate speciality. There is always an enormous avenue for research activities in such emerging fields. Sir, your speciality journal provides a big platform for the people all over the country and globally to share their views and exchange newer ideas and newer techniques alongwith awareness in this dynamic field.

Worldwide, oral health professionals qualified in forensic science are giving expert opinion in cases related to human identification (specially in mass disasters); bitemark analysis, abuse and malpractice. Case identification, interpretation and management are important from both legal and humanitarian points of view. Every dental graduate has to be versed with the knowledge of basic forensic medicine to share the medicolegal responsibilities towards the State and Society. The practice of forensic dentistry requires a proper understanding of the judicial system as well, both criminal and civil laws, because both types of cases accept dental testimony. The forensic odontologist has the most significant role in creating awareness about this speciality and apply his knowledge effectively to solve cases in mass disaster, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, sexual assault, dental frauds, accidental and non accidental trauma.

The need of the hour is trained experts in Forensic odontology, proper maintenance of antemortem dental records, and the use of computer assisted postmortem identification software to increase the efficiency and quality of dental identification.

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