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ENHANCING QUALITY OF DENTAL CARE THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF X-RAY TECHNOLOGY AND NURSING ASSISTANCE SERVICES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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Abstract

Background: The integration of technology and nursing assistance services is revolutionizing dental care delivery, enhancing diagnostic precision and expanding access to care. However, challenges like resource constraints and regulatory compliance need to be addressed to fully realize the benefits of this integration. The aim of current study is to evaluate the enhancing quality of dental care through the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services.

Method: A thorough search of databases, including Scopus, PsycINFO, and Web of Science, was conducted in order to categorize relevant research that was published between 2018 and 2022. The inclusion criteria for this research were English-language papers that focus to evaluate the enhancing quality of dental care through the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services. Following an initial screening and quality evaluation, thirteen studies were included in the synthesis.

Results: The study database was searched through electronic databases, identifying 3368 records. 19 unique records were assessed for eligibility based on titles and abstracts. After initial screening, 19 studies were selected for full-text assessment. After independent review, 13 studies met criteria and were included in the systematic review. The selected studies were conducted between 2018-

2022 and varied in design. The PRISMA flowchart illustrates the selection process. Quality evaluation involves peer-reviewed journals, overall assessment, and quality management.

Conclusion: The research highlights the importance of technology in dental care, including Teledentistry and digital radiography, and nursing assistance services in supporting dental practitioners. However, challenges like resource constraints, training needs, and regulatory compliance need to be addressed. Recommendations include investing in training, fostering interprofessional collaboration, ensuring accessibility, promoting patient-centered care, investing in technological infrastructure, and promoting sustainability. Collaborative efforts between stakeholders can drive meaningful change and advance dental care delivery standards.

Keywords: Quality of Dental Care-ray Technology, Nursing Assistance, Systematic Review

Background

The quality of dental care is a measure of the excellence in oral health services provided to patients. It includes clinical excellence, patient-centered care, safety and sterilization, accessibility, continuous improvement, ethical standards, and outcome measures. Clinical excellence involves accurate diagnosis, treatment planning, and successful execution of procedures (Dopeykar et al., 2018; Righolt et al., 2019). Patient-centered care emphasizes meeting individual needs and preferences, while safety and sterilization protocols ensure patient and staff well-being. Accessibility involves convenient appointment scheduling, minimizing wait times, and emergency services when necessary. Continuous improvement involves monitoring clinical outcomes, seeking patient feedback, and implementing changes to enhance care. Outcome measures may include improved oral health, satisfaction with treatment, and improved oral hygiene habits (Palati et al., 2020; Northridge et al., 2020; Ali et al., 2019; Al Ali et al., 2022; Alotaibi et al., 2022).

In the process of dental care, the X-ray technology has revolutionized dental care by providing accurate diagnoses, treatment planning, and patient education, enhanced treatment accuracy, and improved workflow efficiency (Villarragea-Gomez et al., 2019; Du Plessis et al., 2018). It provides detailed images of teeth, gums, and surrounding structures, enabling early detection of dental problems like cavities and infections. High-quality X-ray images help dentists develop comprehensive treatment plans tailored to each patient's unique needs. X-rays also serve as powerful educational tools, helping patients understand their oral health conditions and recommended treatment options. They facilitate precise treatment delivery, monitor treatment progress, and minimize radiation exposure. X-ray technology also streamlines workflow processes, leading to greater efficiency and productivity. It also facilitates collaboration between dental professionals and other healthcare providers, ensuring comprehensive care for patients. Overall, X-ray technology enhances diagnostic accuracy, treatment precision, patient education, and workflow efficiency, ultimately leading to better oral health outcomes (Molteni et al., 2021; Huang et al., 2021;Erdelyi et al., 2020; Kaasalainen et al., 2020;Vandenberghe, 2018).

Nursing assistance services are crucial in supporting healthcare professionals, including dentists, in delivering quality patient care. They play a vital role in patient intake, preparation, chairside assistance, instrument sterilization and maintenance, patient education, administrative support, emergency response, and patient comfort. Nursing assistants greet patients, collect medical histories, assist with paperwork, and assist with treatment rooms (Wakefield et al., 2021; Nilsen et al., 2020; Griffiths et al., 2019; Maalouf et al., 2018). They also maintain the cleanliness and sterility of dental instruments, ensuring patient safety. They also educate patients on oral hygiene practices, post-treatment care instructions, and preventive measures. They also assist with administrative tasks, such as scheduling appointments and managing patient records. They are trained to respond quickly to emergencies and provide emotional support to patients. They participate in ongoing education and training programs to enhance their skills (Ren et al., 2020; Hong et al., 2019; Hockenberry & Wilson, 2018)

The integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services can significantly improve dental care by enhancing the quality of services provided. X-rays are essential tools in dentistry for diagnosing oral health issues, while nursing assistants play a crucial role in patient care tasks. By integrating X-ray technology with nursing assistance services, dental practices can streamline processes, improve efficiency, and enhance patient experience. This leads to faster visits, improved diagnosis and treatment, and better oral health (Mai et al., 2022; Tabrizi et al.,2021;Champagne et al., 2019; Kjelle et al., 2018). Proper training ensures compliance with safety protocols and regulatory guidelines. Ongoing education and training keep nursing assistants updated on the latest advancements in X-ray technology and dental care practices. This proactive approach to X-ray technology integration can lead to better patient outcomes and operational efficiency (Khader et al., 2020;Sole et al., 2020; Tubbs-Cooley et al., 2019).

Objectives

1. Explore how the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services influences the overall patient experience, satisfaction with care received, and perceptions of the quality of dental services provided.
2. Determine whether the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services offers cost-effective solutions for dental practices, considering factors such as equipment investment, staff training, operational expenses, and potential savings in time and resources.
3. Identify barriers and facilitators to the successful implementation and adoption of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services in dental practice settings, including factors related to technology acceptance, staff training, workflow integration, and organizational culture.

Research Questions

1. How does the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services impact the accuracy of dental diagnoses compared to traditional diagnostic methods?
2. What are the effects of integrating X-ray technology and nursing assistance services on treatment outcomes, such as success rates of dental procedures and patient satisfaction?
3. How does the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services influence the efficiency of dental practice workflow, including appointment scheduling, patient management, and staff productivity?
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5. What are the effects of integrating X-ray technology and nursing assistance services on treatment outcomes, such as success rates of dental procedures and patient satisfaction?
6. How does the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services influence the efficiency of dental practice workflow, including appointment scheduling, patient management, and staff productivity?

Aim of current Study

The aim of current study is to evaluate the enhancing quality of dental care through the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services.

Method

Literature Search Strategy

A comprehensive search strategy was developed to identify relevant studies. Databases such as Scopus, PsycINFO and Web of Science were searched using a combination of keywords related to “Quality of Dental Care”, “X-ray Technology”, “Nursing Assistance Services and “enhancing quality of dental care through the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services”

Table 1 Syntax Search

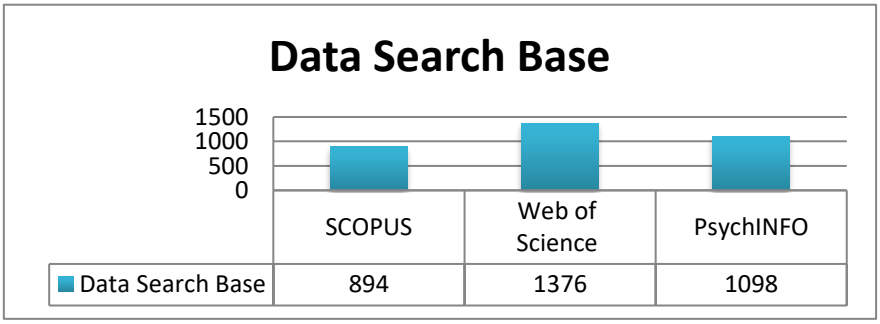
Syntax 1	"Quality of Dental Care", "X-ray Technology" AND "Nursing Assistance Services"
Syntax 2	"Enhancing Quality of Dental Care through the Integration of X-ray Technology and Nursing Assistance Services"

Table 2 Statistics from the Data Base

No	Database	Syntax	Year	No of Researches
1	Scopus	Syntax 1	2018 - 2022	754
		Syntax 2		140
2	Web of Science	Syntax 1		1208
		Syntax 2		168
3	PsycINFO	Syntax 1		934
		Syntax 2		164

The study utilized Scopus, Web of Science, and PsycINFO databases to identify relevant research publications from 2018-2022. The most significant articles were found in Web of Science 1376 and PsycINFO 1098 whereas Scopus had 894 demonstrating thoroughness in the scientific search. The total researches were searched as 3368.

Figure 1 Graphic representation of search according to database search different engines



Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The review included studies about exploring the impact of nurse staffing level on patient outcomes published in peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, or English-written reports, and was excluded if they did not meet the criteria or was duplicate.

Quality Assessment

A quality assessment was conducted on the integration of X-ray technology and nursing assistance services in dental care. The assessment focused on clinical effectiveness, technical performance, workflow efficiency, patient experiences, and staff satisfaction. It also considered cost-effectiveness, adherence to guidelines, and identification of barriers to implementation. Continuous quality improvement mechanisms were established to monitor progress and refine processes over time, ultimately informing evidence-based policies and practices in dental care delivery.

Table 3 Assessment of the literature quality matrix

#	Author	Selection of Studies Described Appropriately	Literature Covered All Relevant Studies	Method Section Described	Findings Clearly Described	Quality Rating
1	Pérez González et al. (2021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
2	Wahbeh & Abuelrub (2021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
3	AlAhdal (2022)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
4	Nashat et al. (2020)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High

#	Author	Selection of Studies Described Appropriately	Literature Covered All Relevant Studies	Method Section Described	Findings Clearly Described	Quality Rating
5	Jittavisutthikul & Jamieson (2022)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
6	Tabrizi & Lee (2021)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
7	Maki et al. (2022)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
8	Reddington et al. (2018)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
9	Ajwani et al. (2019)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
10	Munro et al. (2022)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
11	Maashi (Year)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
12	Basit & Hussain (2022)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High
13	Schreiber et al. (2018)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	High

The systematic review of studies provided clear descriptions, methods, selection processes, literature coverage, and clear conclusions, resulting in a "High or Good" rating for their quality.

Study Selection

Study selection is a critical phase in research, involving the systematic identification and inclusion of relevant studies that address the research question or objectives. It starts with clear inclusion and exclusion criteria, followed by a comprehensive literature search. Potential studies are screened for relevance, and full-text articles are retrieved for further evaluation. A rigorous assessment of methodology, relevance, and quality ensures high-quality studies. Disagreements are resolved through discussion or consultation, and transparent documentation ensures reproducibility and rigor in the research endeavor.

Table 4 Selected Studies for SR (Systematic Review

No	Author	Research	Year
1	Pérez González et al.	Teledentistry: a new approach in dental medicine	2021
2	Wahbeh & Abuelrub	Liberty Dental Clinic–The Secret Behind the Most Expensive Smile Creators	2021
3	AlAhdal	Knowledge of the Dental Healthcare Workers Regarding the Maintenance of Sterilization Integrity of Autoclaved Dental Instruments	2022
4	Nashat et al.	Primary care healthcare policy implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean region; experiences of six countries: Part II	2020
5	Jittavisutthikul & Jamieson	Investigating strategies to develop and retain Thai healthcare providers' brand loyalty for Thai dental x-ray devices	2022
6	Tabrizi & Lee	Geriatric oral health competency among dental providers	2021
7	Maki et al.	Development of digitalization road map for healthcare facility management	2022
8	Reddington et al.	Interprofessional education perceptions of dental assisting and radiologic technology students following a live patient experience	2018
9	Ajwani et al.	Process evaluation of the midwifery initiated oral health-dental service program: Perceptions of dental professionals	2019
10	Munro et al.	Implementing oral care as a nursing intervention to reduce hospital-acquired pneumonia across the United States department of veterans affairs healthcare system	2022
11	Maashi	Assessment of Changes in Oral Health-Related Quality of Life for Special Need Children in Jeddah City	Year
12	Basit & Hussain	EXPLORING THE INFLUENCE OF SERVICE QUALITY (SQ) ON PATIENT SATISFACTION (PS): A CASE STUDY OF UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA PAHANG HEALTH CENTRE (UMPHC)	2022
13	Schreiber et al.	The preventable proportion of healthcare-associated infections 2005–2016: systematic review and meta-analysis	2018

Result

Study Database

A systematic search of electronic databases identified 3368 records. After removing duplicates, 13 unique records were assessed for eligibility based on titles and abstracts.

Title and Abstract Screening

Title and abstract screening is a crucial step in systematic review, identifying relevant studies based on eligibility criteria. Researchers scan titles and abstracts to assess if they address research questions or objectives. Full-text reviews include studies that meet criteria, while those not are excluded. Conducting this process with rigor ensures all relevant studies are identified for further evaluation.

Full-Text Assessment

Full-text assessment is a crucial stage in research, where authors evaluate articles' relevance, methodological quality, and contribution to the research question. It involves examining study design, sampling methods, data collection, analysis techniques, results, and interpretation of findings. Only high-quality, relevant studies are included in the final analysis, enhancing the validity and reliability of the research findings.

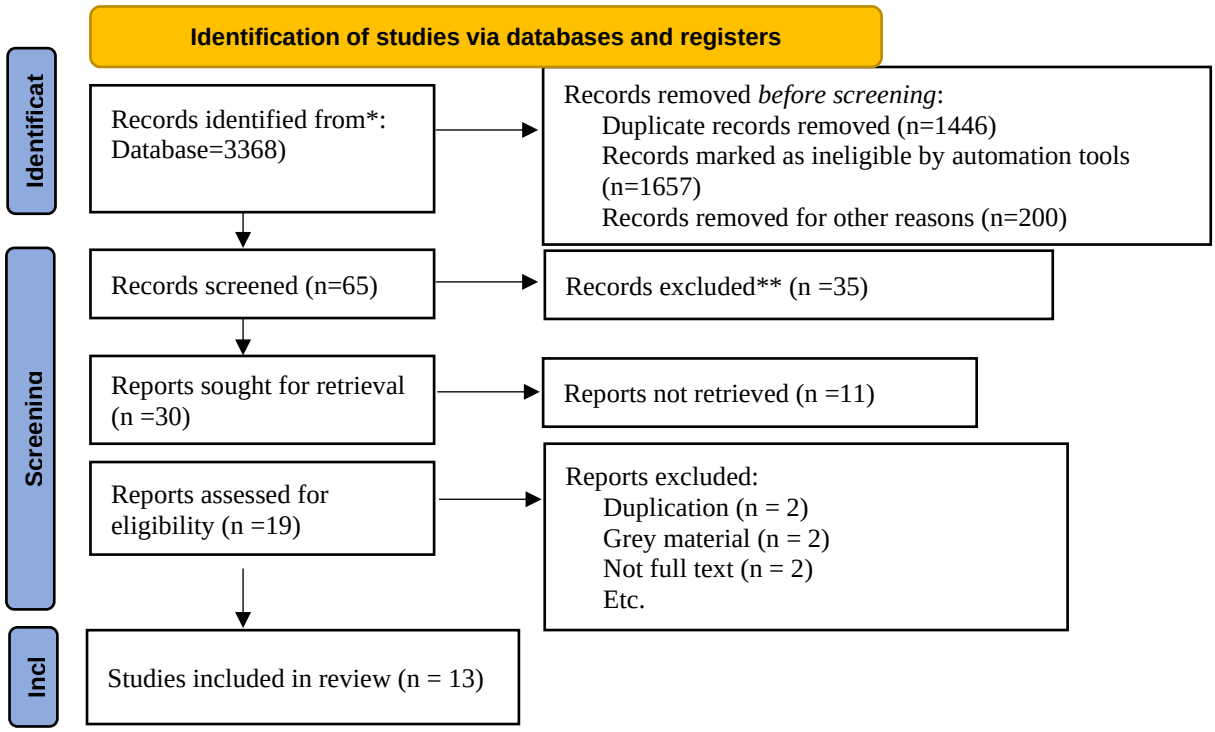
PRISMA Flowchart

The study selection process is illustrated in the PRISMA flowchart (Table 4). It provides a visual representation of the number of records at each stage of the selection process, from initial database search to final inclusion in the systematic review.

Identification of studies via databases and registers

Quality evaluation is a systematic process that includes assessing study quality using data from peer-reviewed journals, largely assessment, and quality management, providing valuable information on research techniques and pressure application.

Table 5 Identification of Studies via Database



Data Extraction

Data extraction is a systematic process of gathering relevant information from selected studies to address research objectives. Researchers use standardized forms to identify key data elements, such

as study characteristics, participant demographics, intervention details, and methodological information. They review the full text of each study, summarizing numerical data, extracting textual descriptions, and recording specific findings. Data extraction forms facilitate synthesis, comparison, and interpretation of findings across studies, contributing to the body of knowledge.

Table 6 Research Matrix

No	Author, Year	Aim of Study	Methodology	Sample	Setting	Result
1	Pérez González et al., 2021	To explore teledentistry as a new approach in dental medicine.	Qualitative analysis of teledentistry practices and technologies.	KSA	Dental clinics or telehealth settings.	Teledentistry offers promising opportunities for improving access to dental care and enhancing communication between providers and patients.
2	Wahbeh & Abuelrub, 2021	To investigate the operational strategies of the Liberty Dental Clinic in creating expensive smiles.	Case study approach to analyze clinic operations and patient experiences.	Patients treated at Liberty Dental Clinic.	Liberty Dental Clinic, UAE.	Liberty Dental Clinic's strategies focus on delivering high-quality, personalized care to achieve excellent patient outcomes.
3	AlAhdal, 2022	To assess the knowledge of dental healthcare workers regarding the maintenance of sterilization integrity.	Cross-sectional survey assessing knowledge levels through self-reported questionnaires.	Dental healthcare workers.	KSA	Findings indicate gaps in knowledge among dental healthcare workers regarding sterilization practices.
4	Nashat et al., 2020	To explore the implementation of primary care healthcare policies in the Eastern Mediterranean region.	Mixed-methods study examining policy implementation experiences in six countries.	Healthcare policymakers and professionals in six Eastern Mediterranean countries.	Primary care settings in the Eastern Mediterranean region.	Policy implementation experiences vary among Eastern Mediterranean countries, highlighting contextual factors influencing outcomes.
5	Jittavisutthikul & Jamieson, 2022	To investigate strategies for developing and retaining brand loyalty among Thai healthcare providers.	Qualitative analysis of brand loyalty strategies through interviews and case studies.	Thai healthcare providers working with dental x-ray devices.	Dental clinics or healthcare institutions in Thailand.	Strategies such as product quality, service excellence, and brand reputation are essential for fostering brand loyalty among Thai healthcare providers.
6	Tabrizi & Lee, 2021	To assess the geriatric oral health competency among dental providers.	Cross-sectional survey evaluating dental providers' knowledge and skills in geriatric oral health.	Dental providers specializing in geriatric care.	Dental clinics or healthcare facilities providing geriatric dental care.	Findings indicate variations in the geriatric oral health competency levels among dental providers, emphasizing the need for targeted education and training.
7	Maki et al., 2022	To develop a digitalization roadmap for healthcare facility management.	Mixed-methods study involving stakeholder consultations, surveys, and data analysis.	Healthcare facility managers, administrators, and stakeholders.	Healthcare facilities.	The digitalization roadmap provides a strategic framework for integrating technology into healthcare facility management practices.
8	Reddington et al., 2018	To explore interprofessional education perceptions among dental assisting and radiologic technology students.	Mixed-methods study using surveys and focus group discussions to assess perceptions of interprofessional education.	Dental assisting and radiologic technology students.	Educational institutions offering dental assisting and radiologic technology programs.	Students perceive interprofessional education positively, recognizing its value in enhancing collaboration and communication skills.
9	Ajwani et al., 2019	To evaluate the process of midwifery-initiated oral health-dental service programs.	Qualitative analysis of dental professionals' perceptions through interviews and focus	Dental professionals involved in midwifery-initiated oral	Healthcare facilities offering midwifery-initiated oral	The process evaluation highlights the importance of collaborative approaches and stakeholder engagement in

No	Author, Year	Aim of Study	Methodology	Sample	Setting	Result
			groups.	health-dental service programs.	health-dental service programs.	program implementation.
10	Munro et al., 2022	To implement oral care as a nursing intervention to reduce hospital-acquired pneumonia in veterans.	Mixed-methods study evaluating the implementation of oral care protocols in healthcare settings.	Veterans receiving care in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system.	Healthcare facilities within the United States Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare system.	Implementation of oral care interventions reduces the incidence of hospital-acquired pneumonia among veterans.
11	Maashi, Year	To assess changes in the oral health-related quality of life for special needs children in Jeddah City.	Longitudinal study assessing changes in oral health-related quality of life among special needs children.	Special needs children residing in Jeddah City.	KSA .	Findings indicate improvements in oral health-related quality of life among special needs children over time.
12	Basit & Hussain, 2022	To explore the influence of service quality on patient satisfaction at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang Health Centre.	Quantitative analysis of patient satisfaction levels based on service quality dimensions.	Patients visiting the Universiti Malaysia Pahang Health Centre.	Universiti Malaysia Pahang Health Centre.	Higher service quality leads to increased patient satisfaction levels at the Universiti Malaysia Pahang Health Centre.
13	Schreiber et al., 2018	To assess the preventable proportion of healthcare-associated infections from 2005 to 2016.	Systematic review and meta-analysis of studies reporting the preventable proportion of healthcare-associated infections.	Not applicable.	Healthcare facilities worldwide.	The preventable proportion of healthcare-associated infections decreased from 2005 to 2016, indicating progress in infection prevention efforts.

Data Synthesis

Data synthesis is the process of combining findings from multiple studies to gain insights and conclusions. It involves extracting relevant information, organizing data, assessing quality, analyzing and interpreting findings, contributing to knowledge advancement, evidence-based practice, and future research directions.

Table 7 The following sub-themes have been observed among the studies, including in the systematic review.

No	Theme	Subtheme	Potential Barriers
1	Teledentistry and Remote Care	Access to dental care via telehealth Communication between providers and patients through telecommunication	Limited access to technology in certain populations, Privacy and security concerns related to telecommunication
2	Clinic Operations and Patient Experience	Strategies for personalized care Patient experiences and outcomes	Resource constraints affecting personalized care delivery, Patient dissatisfaction due to long wait times or inadequate facilities
3	Infection Control and Sterilization	Knowledge and practices of dental healthcare workers regarding sterilization	Lack of awareness or training regarding sterilization protocols, Insufficient resources for implementing proper sterilization procedures
4	Healthcare Policy Implementation	Experiences and challenges of policy implementation Contextual factors influencing policy outcomes and effectiveness	Resistance to policy change among stakeholders, Budgetary constraints impacting policy implementation efforts
5	Brand Loyalty and Provider Strategies	Strategies for fostering brand loyalty among healthcare providers	Competition from other healthcare providers or clinics, Difficulty in maintaining consistent service quality across

No	Theme	Subtheme	Potential Barriers
			providers
		Importance of product quality, service excellence, and reputation in brand loyalty	
6	Geriatric Oral Health and Provider Competency	Provider knowledge and skills in geriatric dental care	Limited geriatric dentistry training opportunities for providers, Challenges in adapting dental practices to meet the needs of elderly patients
		Variances in geriatric oral health competency among dental providers	
7	Digitalization in Healthcare Management	Development and implementation of digitalization roadmaps for healthcare facility management	Cost and infrastructure limitations hindering digitalization efforts, Resistance to change among healthcare staff
		Integration of technology for enhancing healthcare operations	
8	Interprofessional Education and Collaboration	Perceptions of interprofessional education among dental assisting and radiologic technology students	Siloed educational curricula hindering collaboration efforts, Professional hierarchies impacting effective teamwork
		Value and benefits of interprofessional collaboration in healthcare education and practice	
9	Midwifery-Initiated Oral Health Programs	Evaluation of oral health-dental service programs initiated by midwives	Limited resources or funding for implementing oral health programs, Lack of collaboration between midwives and dental professionals

Discussion

As the themes extracted from the 13 selected studies which Wahbeh & Abuelrub's research highlights the importance of integrating technology and nursing assistance services in dental practice. They highlight the benefits and challenges of this approach, such as expanding access to dental care through remote consultations and diagnostic imaging. Pérez González et al. (2021) explore Teledentistry as a viable solution for reaching underserved populations and enhancing patient engagement. Wahbeh & Abuelrub (2021) emphasize the need for personalized care approaches and patient-centric service delivery in dental clinics. These findings highlight the importance of integrating nursing assistance services to support dental practitioners in providing comprehensive and patient-centered care.

Moreover, AlAhdal (2022) and Reddington et al. (2018) emphasize the importance of infection control and sterilization in patient safety and care quality. They suggest integrating technology like digital radiography to enhance diagnostic accuracy and minimize radiation exposure. Ajwani et al. (2019) highlight the need for healthcare policy implementation and interprofessional collaboration to address oral health disparities effectively. By fostering collaboration between dental professionals, nursing assistants, and policymakers, dental practices can overcome barriers to access and improve the quality and equity of care provision.

Additionally, Jittavisutthikul & Jamieson (2022) and Basit & Hussain (2022) highlight the importance of brand loyalty and service quality in patient experiences. They suggest that integrating technology and nursing assistance services can improve service delivery, foster positive interactions, and ensure consistent care quality. However, challenges like limited resources, training gaps, and resistance to change are identified by Schreiber et al. (2018) and Munro et al. (2022). Investing in staff training, infrastructure development, and regulatory compliance is crucial for successful integration.

Conclusion

The 13 research studies highlight the potential of integrating technology and nursing assistance services to improve dental care quality. By utilizing technological innovations, promoting interprofessional collaboration, and overcoming implementation barriers, dental practices can

enhance patient outcomes and patient experiences. Through continuous learning and adaptation, dental professionals can leverage these tools to drive positive change in the dental profession.

Limitation & Implication

The integration of technology and nursing assistance services in dentistry has the potential to improve dental care quality, but it is crucial to recognize and address potential limitations. These include resource constraints, training and education needs, regulatory and legal considerations, and patient acceptance and accessibility. Limited financial resources and infrastructure may hinder the implementation of advanced technologies or expand support staff roles. Moreover, compliance with regulatory requirements and legal standards, such as patient privacy laws and radiation safety regulations, presents significant challenges.

Moreover, disparities in access to technology and healthcare services may exacerbate inequalities in dental care delivery. To overcome these limitations, policymakers and funding agencies should invest in infrastructure development, professional development, ethical and regulatory guidance, and community engagement and outreach. By leveraging multidisciplinary collaborations, innovative strategies, and policy interventions, stakeholders can overcome barriers and harness the transformative power of technology to advance oral health and well-being for all.

Recommendations

The integration of technology and nursing assistance services in dental practice can enhance patient care; improve clinical outcomes, and foster innovation. To optimize this, dental practices should invest in training and education for dental professionals, foster interprofessional collaboration, address disparities in access to dental care and technology, ensure regulatory compliance, promote patient-centered care, invest in technological infrastructure, facilitate research and innovation, and promote sustainability and environmental responsibility. These recommendations will help dental practices optimize patient care, improve clinical outcomes, and foster innovation in the field of dentistry. Collaborative efforts between stakeholders, including dental professionals, policymakers, educators, and community leaders, are essential for driving meaningful change and advancing dental care delivery standards in the 21st century. By implementing these recommendations, dental practices can harness the transformative potential of technology and nursing assistance services to drive meaningful change and improve dental care delivery in the 21st century.

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