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Introduction

Preventive dentistry, Paediatric dentistry and orthodontics are supposed to be the corner stones of dental profession. Paediatric dentistry is synonymous with dentistry for children. It exist because children have dental and orofacial problems like dental decay, inflammation and pain associated with infected pulpal tissue and suppuration in alveolar bone. From extraction oriented beginnings, paediatric dentistry phased into an era of decay interception with emphasis on diagnostic procedures and maintenance of arch integrity, in instance of premature tooth loss due to decay / trauma. Restorative techniques, pulpal therapy space maintainence and interceptive orthodontics, oral surgery were main theories.

Today, however, paediatric dentistry emphasizes on prevention of dental disease and malocclusion and identification, control and guidances of environmental factors which regulate growth of jaws and craniofacial structures.

This branch does in fact borrow a lot from other disciplines but beyond this borrowing is a discipline into itself. Very specific problems of child behaviour and management and understanding the complexities of growth and development are but two issues that delineate
