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### National Dental PBRN Article of the Month

#### **Minimal intervention dentistry for managing dental caries: a review**

The October 2012 issue of *International Dental Journal* featured an article entitled "Minimal intervention dentistry for managing dental caries: a review", co-authored by the Director of the National Dental PBRN South Atlantic Region, Dr. Valeria Gordan.

This publication describes the history of minimal intervention dentistry (MID) for managing dental caries and presents evidence for various carious lesion detection devices, for preventive measures, for restorative and non-restorative therapies as well as for repairing rather than replacing defective restorations. The authors encourage the profession to move away from the 'surgical' care approach and embrace the MID approach. The chance for MID to be successful is thought to be increased tremendously if dental caries is viewed as a behavioral disease with a bacterial component, rather than as an infectious disease.

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