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TELEODONTOLOGY IN COVID-19 TIMES: WHY NOT?

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To verify in the literature what the articles refer to about teleodontology in Covid-19 times. **Methods:** This is a bibliographic study, critical Reading of a scientific article, like a narrative review carried out through research of scientific articles in the SCIELO, PUBMED and LILACS databases, based on the keywords: Covid-19; Dentistry; Teleodontology. **Results:** Teleodontology was approved in Brazil, by the Federal Council of Dentistry, in resolution CFO-226, of June 4, 2020, which regulates the practice of distance dentistry (CFO, 2020), however teleconsultations are prohibited (virtual diagnosis) and teleprescriptions. The literature is unanimous in recognizing that the new social, educational and assistance reality favors the use of teleodontology as a complement to traditional teaching methods and resource capable of assistin patient care, contributing to the improvement and controlo f oral health, care integral and humanized mediated by technology. However, in Brazil, technology is still not available to everyone, which may result in limiting learning, assistance and aggravating existing social inequality. **Conclusion:** Teleodontology proved to be a valuable technological tool and can be excelente, allowing interaction and integration, in the teaching/learning process, as well as in teleassistance, provided that all actors have access to the internet and know how to use it.

Keywords: Covid-19; Dentistry; Teledentistry.

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