

Lock Down-For Better or for Worse

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During pandemic of Covid, lockdown was inevitable to help stop spread of disease and prepare better in coming days for official machinery to handle disease burden. This is akin to two sides of coin. Online lessons for students, WFH for parents, home isolation for senior citizens were all witnessed with a pinch of salt. While everyone was cramming to see nature healing its wounds, relationships building between cold partners, family members, it also saw raise in domestic violence due to of causes, say lost jobs, dwindling finances, heightened domestic work load in all sections of society.

On the other hand stressed out family members, lack of social activity has incited domestic violence and stay home regimen among youth and children has led to increase in traumatic injuries of anterior teeth for which timely intervention could not be reached out. This has spanned into altogether another problem of low self-esteem, low confidence and lack of social interaction.

With unlock happening in graded phases we as pediatric and dental surgeons are staring at myriad of oral injuries, mental stresses, inadequate academic performances. As pediatric dentist we are endowed with holistic approach ahead to deal with daunting task of not just dental and oral injuries but also counseling children and parents alike, and at the same time protecting ourselves and our patients at this need of hour.

With this I conclude with a prayer on my lips that Almighty will protect our mankind and bring back the much awaited health and glory to our mother earth.

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