



## Moving ENDO forward



ENDO – Endodontic Practice Today has now entered its third year of publication.

The number of subscribers, students, administrators, sponsors and the number of articles submitted to ENDO has increased since the journal was first launched. This is due to the increasing popularity of the journal and the need for such a publication that focuses on clinically relevant and scientifically based articles.

However, one critical point when assessing a journal is if it is indexed for MEDLINE.

MEDLINE is the largest company within PubMed, the freely accessible online database of biomedical journal citations. Approximately 5200 journals have been selected and are currently indexed for MEDLINE. The database extends back to 1966 and is updated weekly. In the endodontic field most of the journals covered are American publications (e.g. the *Journal of Endodontics*), but European (e.g. the *International Endodontic Journal*) and Australian Journals (e.g. the *Australian Endodontic Journal*) are also included.

It can be difficult for a journal to be accepted for indexing on MEDLINE. For example, another European endodontic journal recently sent a request to the National Library of Medicine, asking to be included in the MEDLINE index, but unfortunately the answer was negative.

Critical points when evaluating a journal to be included for indexing for MEDLINE are the contribution it makes to the coverage of subjects in question, the quality of content (validity, importance, originality of the article), the quality of editorial work (information about the methods of selecting articles, sponsorship by national societies), the production quality (printing, graphics and illustrations) and the audience of the journal (researcher, practitioners, educators, and students).

With this aim all the issues of ENDO, and in particular this issue, show a mix of review articles (Lasers in endodontics. Part 2: Root canal wall cleanliness and modification), clinical research (Vital pulp treatment: clinical considerations), clinical treatment articles (Apexification and coronal restoration after traumatic tooth avulsion: a 10 year follow-up) and several case reports.

The committee who decide if a journal is accepted for MEDLINE meet three times a year and evaluate 150 journals on each occasion. We hope that a positive decision will soon be made for ENDO, to take the journal forward.

  
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