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General Assembly Resolution “Principle of Caries Classification and Management Matrix”

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“It is resolved that

The prevention of caries as an effective means to improve health is the guiding principle of the Caries Classification and Management Matrix.

and further that

The Caries Classification and Management Matrix, as described in the graphical representation under development by FDI Science Committee, offers a foundation for risk assessment and surveillance, disease prevention and health promotion.

and further that

The Caries Classification and Management Matrix should be integrated into global health improvement initiatives to enable dentists to play a central role in inter-disciplinary and multi-professional collaborative medical and health practice, based on the determinants of health, the principles of the common risk factor approach and social accountability of health systems

and further that

The draft Caries Classification and Management Matrix presented to General Assembly Monday 12th September 2011 is designed to provide the dentist with a pathway for individual decision making on the patients’ dental care and judgment on risks.