For remote populations, however, telemedicine also raises ethical and legal issues. It is perceived as one solution to improve access to oral health care services in areas where resources are scarce. In a similar fashion, telemedicine shows how the unequal distribution of resources provides "knowledge" everywhere, yet not every person has a computer to access this information. Everybody, yet not every person has a computer to access this information, may also be defined as a technological problem. For example, the inherent economic bias in the use of oral health care professionals to improve access has an immense effect and cannot afford to provide quality services. In part, from a practical standpoint, the issue of access can be defined as:

**What is the problem?**

Obligations to increasing access

The ethical principles and
CONCLUSIONS

The essential question that faces the dental profession is this: what is the role of dental professionals in addressing the needs of vulnerable populations?

Throughout this document, we have discussed the importance of dental professionals playing a role in addressing the dental needs of vulnerable populations. We have highlighted the role of dental professionals in providing oral health care to vulnerable populations, including those with limited access to dental care, those with special health care needs, and those who are unable to pay for dental care.

We believe that dental professionals have a responsibility to provide care to vulnerable populations, and that this responsibility extends beyond their traditional role in providing care to patients in dental offices. We have also discussed the importance of dental professionals working in collaboration with other health care providers to address the needs of vulnerable populations.

In conclusion, we believe that dental professionals have a significant role to play in addressing the oral health needs of vulnerable populations. We urge dental professionals to take an active role in addressing these needs, and to work towards creating a system of care that is equitable and accessible for all.

THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION THAT FACES THE DENTAL PROFESSION IS

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF DENTAL PROFESSIONALS IN ADDRESSING THE DENTAL NEEDS OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS?

WHAT WE KNOW:

Dental professionals play an important role in addressing the oral health needs of vulnerable populations. However, there are still gaps in the care that is provided to vulnerable populations, and more needs to be done to ensure that all individuals have access to the care they need.

WHAT WE BELIEVE:

We believe that dental professionals have a responsibility to provide care to vulnerable populations, and that this responsibility extends beyond their traditional role in providing care to patients in dental offices. We also believe that dental professionals should work in collaboration with other health care providers to address the needs of vulnerable populations.

WHAT WE THINK:

We think that more needs to be done to address the oral health needs of vulnerable populations. We believe that dental professionals should be involved in creating a system of care that is equitable and accessible for all.
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