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The implications and applications of nanotechnology in dentistry

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The emerging science of nanotechnology, especially within the dental and medical fields, has sparked research interest in regards to the level of improvement these quantum particles can achieve in comparison to conventional materials used. Understanding the science behind quantum technology is essential to appreciating how these materials can be utilized in our daily practice. The present paper will help the reader understand the technology itself through acknowledging its benefits and limitations and reviewing the science behind it and the ethical, social, health and environmental implications of nanotechnology. Additionally, applications of nanotechnology in dental diagnostics, dental prevention and dental materials will be discussed, including a variety of commercially available products and supporting evidence.

Biography

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