



# ERO –PLENARY WG DENTAL TEAM

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The Board according the decision taken by the ERO Plenary in Bangkok and FDI Statement regarding the Dental Technician Profile, considered the possibility to find a common agreed profile useful for the needs of our profession.

- DTs have already a clear indipendent professional role cooping with the dentist in oral health care in some member countries;
- DTs have already a clear learning outcome profile in some countries;
- DT Diploma is a Certificate according Bologna process in some member states too;

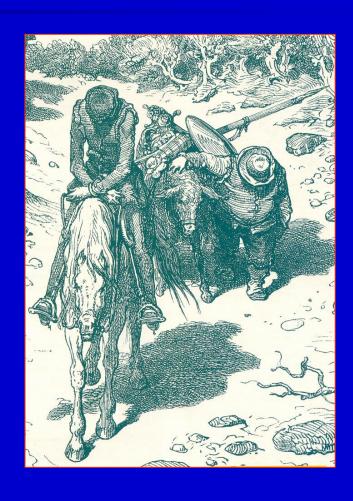
In some European Countries DT can work independently or as employee instead of the other members of Dental Team;

DT profile its a profile that belongs Level 5 of the European Qualifications Framework (EQF5). (Level 5 are comprehensive, specialized, factual and theoretical knowledge in a field of work or study, being aware of the limits of knowledge.)

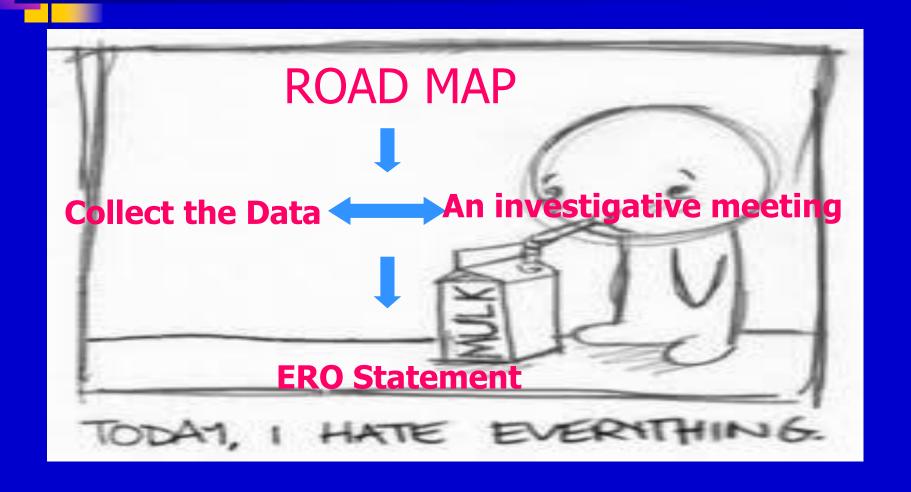
For all of these reasons we started considering the respect the standards and decision of Oral Care Prevention Standard Systems in European Countries continuing on the path way to create a new common agreed profile educated from dental professional associations: a tool to be used only if needed!

WG already created a professional profile steps for education, training, for DCA, DPA, DH for the Dental Team and now for Dental Technician, totally under the umbrella and for the utility of the profession avoiding Bologna Process and Bachelloreates.

#### **BIG QUESTION**



#### IT WAS A CHALLANGE!!!



**HOME WORK** 

We decided to add a proactive action to FDI Statement

The Challenge for our profession is that we can't be substituted!

**EVER!!!** 



**WG WORK Motto** 

We shall give our perspective view of Dental Care.

It is not a merely matter of service but a matter of care!

After more than one year of work the WG met in Tel Aviv from October 28 to 30, hosted by the Israeli Dental Association. The WG wrote and approved the final issue of the Statement.

The dead line for amendments was within March 31, of course the discussion in the Plenary will be only on amendments presented in due time.

#### INTRODUCTION

The scientific and technological developments are leading change in dentistry, dental materials and technology, e.g. digital workflow, international trade of dental laboratory products and changing attitudes toward collaboration that make it necessary to highlight the relationship between the dental laboratory technician and the dentist.

#### **DEFINITION**

Dental laboratory technician\*: A member of the wider dental team even if the dental technician is not part of the practice staff of the Dental Team. Dental Laboratory Technician constructs and repairs custom made dental devices such as inlays, onlays, crowns, veneers, bridges, full or partial dentures, space maintainers, retainers, and labial or lingual arch wires, without direct or indirect relation to the patient and only according to dentist's instructions and prescriptions.

#### **POLICY**

#### **General responsibilities**

1. Dentistry is a complex medical science with professional standards, it includes the prevention, diagnosis and rehabilitative treatment of diseases and malformations of the hard and soft tissues of the mouth, jaws and surrounding tissues including the treatment of lesions of the teeth and the replacement of missing teeth, in order to restore functional oral health.

2. Evidences show that oral health is an integrated part of general health. Any treatment involving medical device to be placed in a patient 's mouth is a medical act, therefore only to be performed by a dentist.

**3.**The Dental laboratory technician is responsible to the dentist for custom made devices according to the specifications detailed in the instructions and prescriptions provided by the dentist.

# Therefore, the EUROPEAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF FDI:

 Opposes any kind of diagnosis, planning or treatment of patients by dental laboratory technicians.

Opposes any kind of sanitary profile, undergraduate and post-graduate training or academic university education programs which claim to provide the dental laboratory technician with the title and/or status of a qualified, independent healthcare provider.

Warns the authorities in all countries of the potentially harmful consequences for the health of the population and patient safety if the right to treat patients was to be granted to dental laboratory technicians.



#### **Working relationship**

 In order to provide the best possible oral health care to the population, the dentist should use the services of a duly qualified dental laboratory technician.

#### The dentist:

- complies with all legal and ethical responsibilities in the performance of all clinical procedures
- is solely responsible for both the diagnosis and the follow-up actions thereby ensuring the continuing care of the patient.

- assumes the legal responsibilities in relation to the patient for both the clinical treatments and the instructed devices from the dental laboratory technician.
- enables the dental laboratory technician to provide the highest quality of service by providing best information (impression, models, photo, data) and in writing specific directions and specifications.



- receives and keeps the certificate of conformity for the custom made device
- protects all data in relation to the patient's medical condition and treatment records.



The dental laboratory technician must:

- Practice within the limits of the dental laboratory technician's scope of work as defined by law and regulation.
- Undergo lifelong continuing professional development

 Accept and follow the instructions, directions and material specifications provided by the dentist.

- Ensure the use of only certified products and methods for a high standard service.
- Deliver the certificate of conformity to the dentist, including the outsourced part of the device.

- Comply with the instructions, guidelines and advice provided by the manufacturers of materials used in fabricating dental devices.
- Assume the legal responsibilities for work within the laboratory as specified by the laws and regulations of the country, state and/or governmental jurisdiction.
- Protect all data including the personal Information of the patient and his dental devices.

- Final Risults to Highlight
- The dental technician is the producer of medical devices for the dentist; he cooperates even without any medical qualification and without working inside The Dental Team
- The professional profile of Medical Devices producers is not medical and cannot be modified with university updating courses or 3-year-degrees, as foreseen by Bologna Process.

- Final Risults to Highlight
- Medical Devices' products shall be packed according to the dentist's "instructions", without any direct or indirect relationship to the patient: the final user is and must be the dentist (decree 2005/36).
- The tracing of the manufacture's production shall include all the processes, also the out sourcing.

Final Risults to Highlight

- The responsibility of the dental technician regarding the production according to the "received instructions" is and must be towards the dentist.
- The dentist is the only responsible for the qualified medical device

#### ACKNOWLEGDMENTS

