



National Report on the activities of 2023

Country: Kazakhstan

Association: United Kazakhstan Dental Association

Changes

In 2023, the United Kazakhstan Association of Dentists turned 10 years old. In December 2023, we held an international scientific and practical congress of dentists dedicated to this event. Dentists and leading lecturers from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, America, Parthugalia, Ukraine, the Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Armenia, and Georgia were invited.

There have been changes in the Board of the UKDA. On February 12, 2024, the General Meeting of the association was held and the election of a new president of the association and the Board of the Association was held. Professor Saule Yesembayeva who previously headed the association from 2013-2016, became the new president of the association. Also 7 vice-presidents of the Association for prevention, dental education, international cooperation, cooperation with the Ministry of Health and higher-level organizations, as well as with other associations, work with regions, as well as protection of the legal rights of a dentist were also elected

Trends and developments:

We have developed a new strategy for the development of the association and cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan. It is based on the Strategy, the General Plan of the World Health Organization for the Protection of Oral Health, adopted in 2022-2023. We intend to pursue a policy to improve the quality of dental services, participate in measures to reduce the consumption of sugar and sugar-containing products. We also plan to actively participate in the fight against tobacco smoking and alcohol.

At the Congress held in Almaty in December 2023, it was decided to combine the efforts of several countries, develop a strategy for implementing Who Goals until 2030, meet in November 2024 in the city of Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan, and invite representatives of WHO and Ministries of Health from our countries to this meeting. This will enable our associations to develop a unified strategy to combat dental diseases.

in health and social politics

In the health of social policy, we continue to provide dental care to children, adolescents, pregnant women, disabled people of groups 1 and 2 at the expense of public funds. We also participate in conducting hygiene lessons in schools. We are working on the importance of maintaining dental and oral health among parents of children and teachers.

in educational politics

In Kazakhstan, dental schools are open in Almaty (3), Karaganda 1, Aktobe 1, Semey 1, Astana 1. We participate in events held by the University. In 2023, a scholarship was awarded to the best student on behalf of the association. We conduct master classes, webinars, and seminars for practitioners. Most of them are held for members of the association on a free basis

in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes)

Dental insurance covers the costs of acute pain for socially vulnerable segments of the population and children at the expense of the state. Private insurance companies work with private dental clinics and are quite successful. A new draft law on insurance medicine is being considered in Kazakhstan, but it is currently still being finalized

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains

problems with dental chains

possible solutions

At the general meeting of the association members on February 12, 2024, I presented a diagram of the most key points, the problems that need to be solved first of all are, first of all, the high prevalence of caries among children 76%, in some regions this figure reaches 88-93%, the caries intensity index balances from 2.5 to 5.3. Especially high incidence of caries is observed among rural residents. The low availability of dental care is explained by the low wages of the population in a number of regions of Kazakhstan, the lack of regulation of sugar consumption by the state, low awareness of the population about the role of professional dental cleaning, the importance of hygiene skills. In Kazakhstan, there is a shortage of dentists in a number of regions. All dentists live in large cities. few people live and work in rural areas.

Our association takes care of its association members. This is corporate ethics. We help sick colleagues and conduct stress relief classes. We provide support to all those who have fallen into the hands of aggressive patients, we offer ways out of the situation. We provide 24/7 legal and psychological support to the members of our association. We participate in court hearings, negotiations with patients to prevent conflict situations with doctors.

Changes in fees:

In 2024, we increased the membership fee to \$ 100, for rural dentists and those who do not have the opportunity to earn a lot of \$ 15, the number of association members who paid the fee fell sharply, but there is hope that over time there will come an understanding that legal protection, timely notification of new standards, the cost of travel to the regions and international Congresses is very expensive. High-quality work always requires investments.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

On this day in 2023, our colleagues in all 16 regions of Kazakhstan spoke in the media. social networks, schools about the importance and significance of oral health protection. In the future, we plan to make these events more ambitious, with the involvement of sponsors and volunteers.

Further information (activities):

We have developed a Standard for dental care, which was issued by the Ministry of Health in the form of an Order from the Minister. We have amended 3 orders of the Minister of Health in the orders on X-ray examination, sanitary and epidemiological requirements, educational standard. We analyzed 59 cases of complaints against a dentist and identified common errors. Every day, in the association's chat rooms, we carry out explanatory work on the prevention of such errors.

We work daily to ensure and clarify new documents that are being checked in order to protect doctors from fines

What are your 3 main concerns?

The low cost of tariffs for the provision of dental care within the framework of compulsory medical insurance. There is a poor understanding on the part of the healthcare management about the importance of preventing dental diseases. Low activity of dentists - everyone works in their office or clinic and does not want to know what is happening around them, does not want to participate in the life of the dental society. Then we see mistakes and complications, which, unfortunately, are only growing.

3 points you would like to discuss

In which countries of the world is the sale of sugary carbonated drinks and sweets for children strictly controlled? Are there any such countries at all?

The WHO Global Strategy states that the Ministry of Health should have staff to combat oral problems. Is it possible to find out which countries already have it? Is it possible for speakers from Europe or the World to participate in the Congresses of our association on preferential terms? or is this possible only if all expenses are paid by the association?

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