

National Report on Activities – 2025

General Information

Country: France

Association: Association Dentaire Française (ADF)

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Instructions

Please complete this form clearly and concisely. Where applicable, you may attach additional documents or provide references. If a section is not applicable, please indicate "N/A".

1. Changes in the Association and Its Organisation

Please describe any significant structural, strategic, leadership, or membership-related changes during 2025.

The members of the Board of Directors of the French Dental Association (ADF) have reaffirmed their confidence in Julien Laupie and Doniphan Hammer by renewing their mandates as General Secretaries. Their commitment and dedication will continue to guide the ADF in the service of the dental profession.

Alongside them, Dr Xavier Struillou has been elected General Treasurer, succeeding Dr Sophie Darteville, whose commitment over nine years has left its mark on the Association.

More than ever, the Executive will be continuing the work that the ADF has been carrying out for 55 years. With passion and conviction, but also with a unifying vision and an innovative dynamic, the management team is pursuing the founding commitments of the Association: Support, Defend, Train, at the service of the entire profession.

2. Main Concerns

Please list the three most important concerns currently facing your association.

a) Dental assistant Level 2

Despite the Rist Act of 19 May 2023, which created the profession of Level 2 dental assistant, the Ministry's technical departments were unable to interpret the Act in such a way as to create this profession. A second law (the Daubet Law) passed by the Senate (awaiting the vote of the National Assembly) finalised the creation of the profession of oral prophylaxis assistant in order to free up medical time and improve access to oral health care by authorising these professionals to take part in diagnostic imaging procedures, prophylactic procedures, orthodontic procedures and post-surgery follow-up. The creation of oral prophylaxis assistants would represent a real step forward in terms of strengthening the supply of care and prevention, since the amendment provides for the possibility of practising outreach in schools and medical-social establishments

b) The ADF Congress

Over five days, 30,817 participants came through the doors of the International Congress, including 6,189 learning delegates (i.e. 20.08% of visitors), a clear increase in attendance. The majority of visitors were practising practitioners (15,606), demonstrating the importance of meeting exhibitors, discovering innovations and technologies to support practice, and receiving face-to-face training in a friendly and stimulating environment.

Under the direction of Dr Charles Toledano and his committee of experts, the scientific programme was a great success. 110 sessions led by nearly 400 speakers offered a resolutely multidisciplinary approach, centred on general practice. New teaching formats were introduced: 100% clinical sessions and 6-hour masterclasses, combining theory and practice around a theme, complemented the already popular short, dynamic formats.

The Congress also devoted two days to training for the dental team - for the first time, more than 1,000 dental assistants undergoing initial training - with a programme perfectly tailored to the diversity of needs and career paths. One of the highlights of the event was the presence of the Director General of Health, a reminder of the importance of institutional dialogue and the ADF's involvement in current political and societal issues.

Finally, the Exhibition, the second pillar of the ADF Congress, was spread over more than 13,000 m², and never ceased to be bustling with activity: packed aisles, numerous meetings, new technologies, a focus on research and innovation, the latter celebrated with the presentation of the "Product of the Year 2026" awards. Two winners were honoured in the Equipment category, and one in the Consumables category. A special ADF Sustainable Development Award was also presented to a company for its concrete actions to reduce its carbon footprint.

The ADF 2026 Congress will take place from 24 to 28 November 2026 at the Palais des Congrès.
<https://adfcongres.com/#>

c) Communication - Publication

As part of its support and training mission, the ADF has put 2 "Tooth magazines" online (free digital magazines <https://adf.asso.fr/tooth>)

- Violence in the dental surgery
- Medical devices: how to find your way around

Through the work of its committees, a number of documents are available online free of charge (<https://adf.asso.fr/publications/>)

- Practical sheets on digital health (E carte vitale, shared medical file, etc.)
- Resource documents on the use of digital tools and the prevention of cybersecurity risks

Standard informed consent forms for different disciplines

3. Key Discussion Points

Please indicate three topics or issues you would like to discuss at international level.

a) Fluoride.....

b) N/A.....

c) N/A.....

4. Trends and Developments

Please describe relevant trends and developments in the following areas:

a) Professional Politics

Digital health

Strengthened national framework

The Doctrine of Digital Health 2025 was published on 17 March 2025. It is a joint publication by the Délégation au numérique en santé, the Assurance maladie, the Agence du Numérique en Santé and the GIE SESAM-Vitale. The document is available online on the official esante.gouv.fr portal, allowing regular updates. It sets out a shared, stable and interoperable urbanisation framework for all stakeholders. It aims to integrate the principles of ethics, security and interoperability into business software, digital medical devices and teleconsultation solutions.

My health space

More than 19 million users by 2025, with a 27% increase in the number of medical documents available. Dentists can upload reports and treatment plans, making it easier to share information with other healthcare professionals.

Carte Vitale application (national health insurance card)

The nationwide roll-out of the Carte Vitale application will simplify electronic identification of users of digital services, while making it easier for professionals to qualify their National Health Identity (INS).

Digital prescription

Deployed in dental software, the digital prescription (or e-prescription) is the dematerialised and secure version of the medical prescription. It modernises the care pathway by making prescriptions simpler, safer and better integrated into the digital health ecosystem. It requires prescription assistance software, which is based on a subscription fee for updating pharmaceutical data.

b) Health and Social Politics

Agreement

The "Génération sans carie" programme is part of the dental agreement signed on 21 July 2023 between the national health insurance scheme and dentists, and aims to move towards a more preventive approach to dental care. The aim is to achieve a lasting improvement in the oral health of the population by investing in prevention for young people under the age of 25.

As of 1 April 2025, this programme has been strengthened with the introduction of annual preventive examinations (previously every 3 years). They are co-financed with the health insurance and supplementary insurance schemes, with no advance payment required from the patient.

The entire process is computerised, both in terms of coding and in terms of filling in forms directly linked to the health insurance system, providing more up-to-date data and enhanced epidemiological monitoring. The fees for this specific consultation have been increased, as have the vast majority of preventive and pedodontic treatments, with new reimbursements such as fluoride varnish.

High Authority for Health (HAS)

ADF Participated in the drafting of new HAS recommendations on the "management of patients at risk of infective endocarditis", as part of the work on the "prescribe just" approach

c) Educational Politics

Periodic certification

The periodic certification of healthcare professionals by the Ordre, made compulsory by law on 1 January 2023, should finally come into effect in 2026. The latest decrees, published at the end of 2025, set out the controls and penalties for the obligation to complete the minimum programme of actions by the end of the period.

The forthcoming publication of the guidelines will be the first step in formalising the technical and professional framework that must correspond to the exercise in all its dimensions and procedures.

As a reminder, these guidelines are based on 4 axes:

- Updating knowledge and skills
- Improving the quality of professional practice
- Improving relations with patients
- Taking greater account of the health of professionals

At least 2 actions for each of these 4 blocks must be carried out over a period of 6 years.

While the professional bodies are responsible for monitoring, support will be provided by the CNPs (National Professional Councils).

This is the professional translation of skills that need to be regularly updated to ensure safe practice throughout one's career.

All training courses will be recorded in an individual account, with the creation of the associated "Ma Cerfi Pro Santé" information system.

d) Insurance System

(including public health insurance and private insurance schemes)

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5. World Oral Health Day Promotion

Does your association promote World Oral Health Day?

- Yes No

If yes, please describe the type of activities (e.g. campaigns, events, media outreach, partnerships):

The ADF rarely undertakes specific actions on World Oral Health Day, given that one of its members, the Union Française pour la Santé Bucco-Dentaire, organises events on the day.

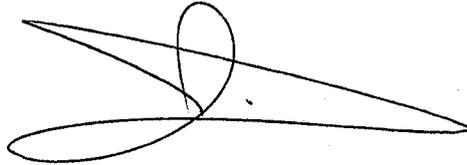
However, through a series of communications on social networks on 20 March, the ADF helped to raise the profile of the day by highlighting its partners (FDI) and members (UFSBD°).

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