

Dentistry in Germany

Achievements in oral healthcare and future challenges



The German Dental Association – Key facts

- Members: 17 regional dental chambers
- Headquarters in Berlin and office in Brussels
- Tasks and fields of activity:
 - Political representation of the dental profession on national and international level
 - Promotion of preventive und public (oral) healthcare
 - Cooperation with other dental associations and scientific organizations
 - Joint editor of dental journal and scientific publications

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Oral healthcare and prevention

- Latest success: inclusion of new benefits in the reimbursements scheme of public sick funds
 - New services in disability and geriatric dentistry
 - Prevention of early childhood caries for infants up to 33 months of life
- National Day of Dental Health: awareness rising since 1991
- Campaign and information material on HIV in dental practice

Quality of education

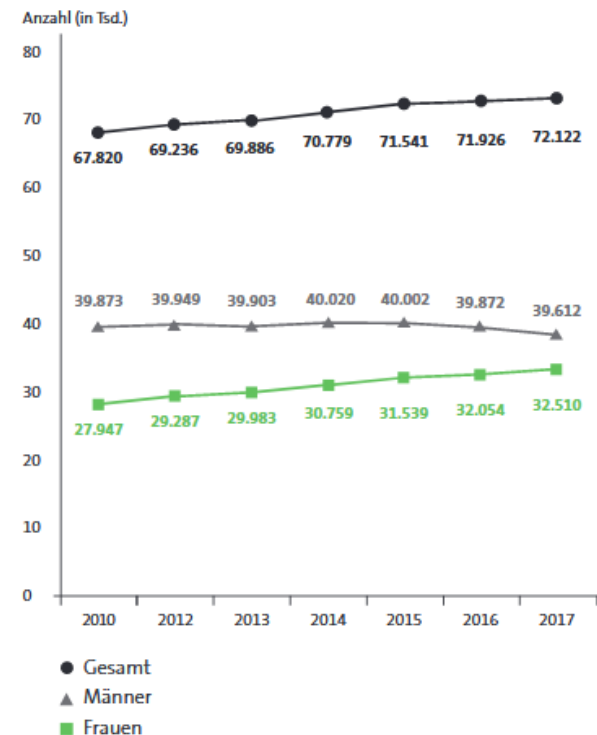
- Current legal framework for dental education dates back to 1955
- Revision and modernization is needed
- Focus on prevention, therapy and geriatric dentistry; financial framework needs reorganization
- Delayed since years, political processes complicated
- Questions on professional recognition and equivalence of professional qualifications remain unanswered

Young (and female) dentists

- Important:
 - Work-life-balance
 - Combining career and family
 - New working models
- Private practice?
 - Financial burden
 - Bureaucracy
- Representation in professional politics?

Entwicklung der Zahnarztzahlen

Zahnärztlich Tätige nach Geschlecht



Quelle: BZÄK/Statistisches Jahrbuch 2017|2018

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Liberal professions and independence

- European Union Commission: less regulation means more economic competition
 - Patient safety? Quality of services?
 - Different studies on the topic
 - Directive 2018/958/EU on proportionality test
 - Until July 2020: transposition in national law
- Investor-driven dental chains
 - Demand: dental chains should also be under the surveillance of the dental chambers





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