

NATIONAL REPORT 2019

Pays : Switzerland
Organisation : Swiss Dental Association SSO
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I. Changes in the national association and its organisation

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II. Trends and developments

Initiative genevoise pour le remboursement des soins dentaires

Les initiatives populaires soumises au vote des citoyens se suivent et se ressemblent. L'objet mis en consultation, relatif à une assurance de dentaire de base, a aussi été rejeté à Genève par une majorité de 54,7%. Une fois de plus le contribuable a été clairvoyant et « modèle suisse de soins dentaires » qui a fait ses preuves durant plus de 50 ans, garde sa préférence.

Geneva initiative for the reimbursement of dental care

The popular initiatives submitted to the vote of the citizens follow one another and are similar. A majority of 54.7% rejected the object put in consultation, relating to basic dental insurance, as well in Geneva. Once again, the taxpayer has been farsighted and "the Swiss model of dental care", which has proven its worth for more than 50 years, remains his preference.

Prevention among vulnerable population groups

There are people, who are poorly trained and often have an immigrant background, who, due to lack of resources, do not consult a dentist. In sociological terms, we are talking about a vulnerable population. It is precisely this section of the population - which represents about 5% of the population - that is unaware of the existence of financial assistance benefits. The SSO wants to improve access to dental care for these people through an information campaign.

Termination of accreditation of post-graduate training courses

After 3 years of procedure, the Federal Council has validated the four post-graduate training courses. In Switzerland, orthodontics, oral surgery, periodontology and reconstructive dentistry are recognized as specialties in dentistry.

Law of prescription

As part of the revision of the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Swiss Parliament has decided to extend the limitation period for personal injuries from 10 to 20 years. For the practitioner who does not want to take the risk of running out of evidence, this new prescription period is in fact synonymous with doubling the retention period for patient records.

III. Migration

Switzerland remains subject to massive immigration of dentists from the EU. 5428 degrees have been granted to date.

IV. Modification of the tariff

The introduction of the revised tariff is a major challenge for the industry, software suppliers and developers. Unfortunately, such adaptations cannot be made by operating a lever. It is a multi-level process that requires a lot from each person involved.

V. Main concerns

- Since the bilateral agreements entered into force, i. e. since June 2002, the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) has recognized 5881 diplomas of foreign dentists. A significant increase in the pace of recognition has been observed since the entry into force of the Bilateral Agreements 2 in 2009.
- The commercialization of the profession remains a major concern. Financial groups that invest excessively in dentistry distort the competitive situation and the pressure on colleagues working in these centers often leads to abuse.

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