

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: ARMENIA

Association: ARMENIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Venue: DENTISTRY

Year: 2022

Changes: ...No Changes in the Association and its Organisation

Trends and developments:

The Relation of the ADA with its Members and the Health Ministry of Armenia have been efficient and well-coordinated.

In professional politics:

In Prevention: Actively and systematically Continuing Nationwide Oral Hygiene Education of the Children in Schools, Also Education of the Parents in Schools and Community centres.

In Dental Practice: The Armenian Dental Association Has Successfully Protected the Privacy of Patient's Information by Fighting against the Attempts of the Health Ministry to Collect all Medical/Dental Data of Patients from All Physicians and Dentists of the Country Without Patient's Consent. The Law Was Abolished... It Was Violating the "Privacy Laws" and Was Hurting Patients and Patient-Dentist Relation

- Also, ADA Successfully Fought in Court of Law and Eliminated the Obligation to Pay 200.00\$ /Month Taxes for Each Dental Unit in Clinics

In health and social politics:

With the efforts and efficient action of the Armenian Dental Association the Health Ministry of Armenia increased the campaign and advertisements on the Importance of Oral Health on General Health to the Public.

In educational politics:

Too Many Dentists Are Graduating every year.

Need To Limit the Total Number of the Graduating Dentists per Academic Year

The Graduation System Should Be Controlled and Regulated:

- To limit & Regulate the Number of the Private Universities.
- To Check the Quality of Teaching Programs of These Private Universities
- To Limit the Total Number of Students Admitted to the First Year of Dentistry

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

- *The Public Insurance System in Armenia Covers the Treatment Expenses of the Children till the age of 18.
There are Also Private Insurance Companies Which Insures the Public based on their Choice of Policy Coverage.*

Corporate Dentistry:

Position of NDA towards dental chains:

The Armenian Dental Association is not against Dental Chains. However, the Head of Each Dental Clinic Should be a Duly Licensed Dentist.

Problems with dental chains:

The Dental Chains Are Officially Regulated and Controlled jointly by the Health Ministry of Armenia and the Armenian Dental Association and There are No Problems.

Possible solutions:

The Best Solution for All Any Kind of Problems concerning the Profession is to take Decisions Jointly by The National Dental Association and the Health Ministry of the Country.

Changes in fees:

Slight 10% increase of the fees compared to 2021.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

ADA is Organizing Preventive Educational Activities

- ***In Each Community centres of Armenia:*** *To Increase the Awareness of the People and Parents on the Importance of Oral Health Hygiene, Regular Check-ups and Getting the Needed Treatments to keep the Natural Teeth as long as possible in the mouth*

- ***In Each School:*** Same Approach, in addition distributing toothbrushes and Teaching Brushing Technique and Instructions of Oral Hygiene to Children and Their Teachers.

What are your 3 main concerns?

- ***High Number of Private Dental Schools and Universities***
- ***High Number of Graduating Dentists each Year***
- ***High Educational Tuition compared to the Relatively Low Income of the People and High Cost of Living.***
- ***High Cost of Basic Dentistry versus the People's income in Armenia.***

3 points you would like to discuss.

The 3 points previously mentioned:

- ***How to limit the High Number of Private Universities***
- ***How to limit the High Number of Graduating Students Each Year.***
- ***How to Control or Limit the Cost of Basic Dentistry***