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**Data protection as part of
patient/citizen protection is a higher
and ethical expression of liberal
dental practice**

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The following criteria are absolutely necessary:

- 1. After having explained the reason for data storage, data collection is only allowed if there is a patient's written declaration of consent;**

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- 2. Data management within practice organization is the subject matter of this declaration of consent;**
- 3. Only for medical reasons data transfer within dental profession is the subject matter of this declaration of consent;**

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- 4. Data transfer used for accounting purposes and transfer to insurance companies needs a specific approval by the patient;**
- 5. Invoicing has to be made in an anonymised way;**

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- 6. Collective storage of health data to a central computer must not be done;**
- 7. Transfer of data used for statistical surveys, scientific research or for mercantile reasons require a specific written approval;**

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- 8. Data transfer of health data must be done by means of a safe format;**
- 9. National regulating authorities must not have access to health data without cause except there is an endangerment for public safety;**

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- 10. Storage of health data and its safe-keeping shall meet the statutory regulations;**

- 11. For reasons of patients' safety the deletion of health data may only be performed in exceptional cases;**

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12. Data safety regulations must not lead to disproportionately high administrative and financial burden when providing dental/medical care;

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13. Against the background of medical confidentiality, the handling of patients' health data on one's own responsibility obviates the need for a data protection officer in small and medium-sized practices.

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The ERO-Plenary Session urges to consider these criteria with respect to the protection of our patients personal rights, maintenance of the medical confidentiality as well as the unaffected medical care.

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Thank you very much!