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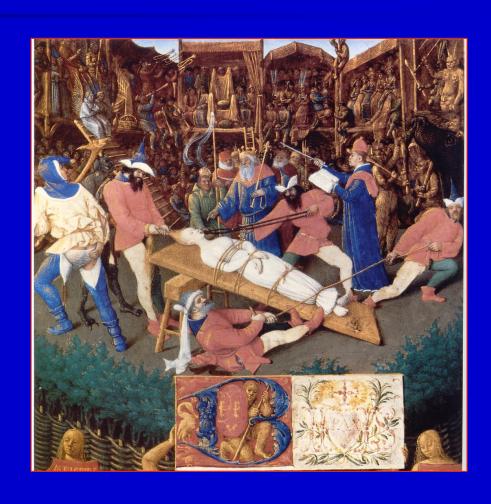
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# On Behalf of WG Dental Team Thanks for your support in HONG KONG!!!!!!

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUNDS





# **BIG QUESTION**

# DENTAL NURSE or DENTAL CHAIR-SIDE ASSISTANT?

YES or NO?



- DO WE NEED NEW DENTAL PROFILES?
- DO CITIZENS DESERVE SUCH PROFILES FOR THEIR DENTAL CARE?
- WHAT ABOUT THE QUALITY OF TREATMENTS WITH or WITHOUT?



- Increase practice management
- Basic education and training
- Population and Society needs
- Dental market of the Country
- Needs of politics
- Evaluation of risk management
- Distribution and diluition of risks
- Evaluation of responsibilities

#### DENTAL PREVENTIVE ASSISTANT

#### **EUROPE**

Target of this WG-meeting was to clearly define the position of the new profile Dental Preventive Assistants in Europe in relation to the subjects and duration of their training (School and Practise), responsibilities, continuing education courses and employment/assignment in a Dental Practise.

- Governing Body
- Academic Requirements
- Training/Education
- Duties

# DISCUSSION

The detailed definition of the DPA Profile should help to align the post of DPA to the European Qualification Framework (EQF).

# CONSIDERATION

The dental profession is absolutely against any kind of compulsory standardization of dental care treatments.

All members of the dental team shall have the education and training appropriate to their competencies and be legally allowed to participate in the delivery of oral health care always under the supervision and responsibility of a dentist.

So the following obligatory vocational profile, built on DCA profile, is Dental Preventive Assistant. Roles and responsibilities of all team members should be specified and defined by regulatory bodies and/or professional dental organizations.

All members of the dental team should use only those qualifications or titles which are approved by the competent dental authority in that country (legislation in the establishment country, place of work, country where they practice).

For these reasons, European Dental Organizations submitted in Potsdam this Profile of DPA to the ERO Plenary Assembly dated April 19,2013 and to be presented to the European Legislative Competent Authorities to be applied in the Member States.

The dental preventive assistant, who is trained and examined according to the following professional profile, works in private and public dental practices only under the supervision of the dentist.

The qualified dental preventive assistant supports the dentist in administrative tasks and preparation, execution and follow-up of non-invasive dental treatment as described in the annex enclosed.

In addition to the skills and knowledge of DCA, the qualified dental preventive assistant DPA, shall acquire skills and knowledge in the following fields which are listed in the enclosed annex

# **Dental Preventive Assistant**Technical and Professional Skills

- Implement personified prevention programs approved by the dentist
- Assist on Clinical Records
- Take, collect and keep radiographic and photographic documentation
- Collect and record clinical dental and periodontal indexes
- Perform non surgical and periodontal therapies , scaling and root planning
- Topical pharmacologic application for prevention

# **Dental Preventive Assistant**Perform Oral Health Prevention

- Motivate the patient
- Educate about methods and train the patient on home based oral health prevention including oral hygiene
- Sensitize about the needs of clinic periodic controls
- Indicate the standard of a rational adequate alimentation to protect oral health
- Sensitize parents
- Implement preventive programs: in pregnancy, in new born child, in child, in primary and secondary schools, in patient with special needs, in elder patients and in who belongs to deprived communities

# Dental Preventive Assistant Perform Oral Health Prevention

- Motivate child and topical fluoridation without drilling procedures
- Counselling how to stop smoking
- Advice to prevent oral cancer
- Removal of extrinsic pigmentations (polishing)
- Polishing on dental restorations

# **Dental Preventive Assistant**Trainee Admission

It is an advanced further training following a completed three years vocational training as DCA and an after post qualification professional experience of at least one year.

### **Dental Preventive Assistant**

Minimum Training Requirements

# The Training Provider shall guarantee the following minimal requirements

#### **Organizing Body:**

 Training Body with accredited site in the Regulatory Body appointed by the Country.

#### **Professionality:**

 Course Coordinator: graduated with teaching-experience in the medical-dental sector;

#### **Headmasters:**

 at least 3 years of experience in the professional practice and didactic experience in the dental field.

#### **Necessary Structures and equipment:**

- Room for theory lesson and teaching devices to be used for the lesson in conformity with the current legislation.
- Training opportunities with the basic equipments of dental practice.

# **Dental Preventive Assistant**Final Examination

Admission to the final examination is subject to the positive presentation of the candidate and is approved by the organizing body on the basis of tests and internal admission examinations.

The qualification issued by the statutory testing body is awarded only after a practical exercise and a final examination in front of a committee composed of the competent authorities and representatives of national dental associations.

# **Dental PreventiveAssistant**Continuing Education

A DPA is expected to attend continuing education courses in line with the specific requirements of the country concerned.

### Register/Regulatory Authority

This is not compulsory.

# **ANNEXES**

### **DENTAL PREVENTIVE ASSISTANT**



# Profile of learning outcomes

#### **DENTAL PREVENTIVE ASSISTANT**

### **EUROPE**

The differences from country to country are enormous!!



### **EUROPE**

Despite these remarkable differences, these countries share mutual needs, interests, targets of the profession.

#### **DENTAL PREVENTIVE ASSISTANT**

### **EUROPE**

The WG agrees on the fact that DPA must have a basic common agreed level and therefore, it will work on a qualified training profile for DPA.

### **DENTAL PREVENTIVE ASSISTANT**

### **EUROPE**

It was also very clear that WG is absolutely against any kind of compulsory standardisation. The concept is just an exhortation that has actually to be developed.

### **DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT**

### **EUROPE**

DPA profile has no relationship with Nurse's profile according former EU Directives.

# Open questions

- Language testing (Art. 53)
  - Necessary for practice, not for registration
  - I.e. Knowledge of languages is not a prerequisite for the recognition of professional qualifications

# Open questions

It was also considered this morning to ask this Plenary to address a short voted statement-letter to CED Board.

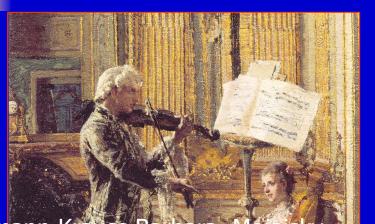
We ask to underline that DPA can't practice without the presence of Dentist and always and in any case with Dentist's prescription/s.

# Open questions

If you are agree and carry this Statement next Meeting will be fixed having has main Topic:

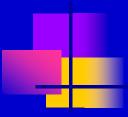
Dental Hygienist!!!!
Or
Dental Technician

# IT'S OUR OWN DECISION!!! ACKNOWLEGDMENTS



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# Thanks for your attention