

Medical education in dentistry

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taking into consideration that

- the importance of oral health has been underlined in a number of important documents adopted by international organizations – one of them being the FDI Istanbul Declaration of 2013,
- oral health is an integral part of general health and the role of dental practitioners is not limited only to maintaining oral health of their patients but also their overall health and well-being,
- dentists can significantly contribute to improve their patients' overall health by taking on new tasks such as screening and monitoring non-communicable diseases,
- to fulfill these tasks dental education has to include more medical knowledge than nowadays,

recommends that

- national dental curricula should be reviewed in order to deepen medical sciences education,
- continuing education in dentistry should include medical topics allowing practicing dentists to upgrade their clinical experience and competency in medical fields,
- collaboration with medical scientific associations should be strengthened and joint educational programmes should be developed.