

European Regional Organisation of the Federation Dentaire Internationale





### W.G. DENTAL TEAM

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# DENTAL NURSE or DENTAL CHAIR-SIDE ASSISTANT?

YES or NO?

# IS IT A MATTER OF

Vocational training?

- 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?

### AUXILIARY STAFF SURVEY

Governing Body
Academic Requirements
Training/Education
Duties
Diagnosis/Plan

### DENTAL NURSE-DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT

### EUROPE

Their duties are restricted to assisting the dentist at the chair side, including (for example) sterilising instruments, mixing filling materials and undertaking administrative duties.



### **DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT**

### EUROPE

shall Dental Chairside Assistants in Europe have a comparable training with automatic recognition and do we need a regulatory system?

**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT** 

### EUROPE

It was clear that a European Qualification Body for different qualification stages up to 2012 is absolutely needed to facilitate the mobility of dental care professionals. (European Qualification Framework)



**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT** 

### EUROPE

The differences from country to country are enormous !!

### **DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT**

### EUROPE

Despite these remarkable differences, these countries share mutual needs, interests, targets of the profession. To have a Dental Chairside Assistant (DCA) in the practice is something dentists hope for.



**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT** 

### EUROPE

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



**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT** 

### EUROPE

Each country has then to find out how to develop this concept.

**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE 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

DCA is the trained Assistant working together with the dentist in his operative room and assists him in a 4hands-work, 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

**DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT** 

#### EUROPE

Target of this WG-meeting was to clearly define the position of Dental Chairside 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.

### AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT

A basic level which is sufficient and also attainable for all EU / ERO Countries .

### AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT

The minimum common education, training period and qualification should be defined and fixed. (EQF 2012)

### AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT

DCA shall and can work only together with the dentist;

DCA shall and can work only and always under supervision of the dentist;

DCA shall and can have an assistant activity and is not allowed to any independent activity in the mouth of the patient.

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Title / Minimal Requirements

Basic Compulsory School Education: in Europe is of 9-10 years.

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Education / Training Duration

 3 yrs training the attendance of at least 500h of theory in a Certified Vocational School;

 3 yrs practical training in a Certified Vocational School and/or in an appointed Dental Surgery;

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Competences

They shall be acquired during the training and shall include the following fields of activities:

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Competences

Biomedical Sciences and Oral Biology ;

- First Aid and Medical Emergencies ;
- Dental Biomaterials Science ;
- Dental Radiography ;

 Behavioural Sciences, Communication Skills and Health Informatics;

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Competences

Law, Ethics and Professionalism ;

- Pain and Anxiety Control ;
- Chair Side Support ;
- Common Human Diseases ;
- Health, Safety and Infection Control;
- Preventive Dentistry.

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Examination

At the end of the whole Training !

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Qualification

Certificate of Qualified Dental Chair Side Assistant Awarded by the Statutory Examination Board.

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Continuing Education

DCA is expected to attend continuing education courses in line with specific need at national level.

AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Register / Regulatory Body

It is not Compulsory!

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# OUR OWN DECISION



AUXILIARY STAFF DENTAL CHAIRSIDE ASSISTANT Next Meeting ?

# Vienna Oct 8, 2010.

# ACKNOWLEGDMENTS



# Thanks for your attention