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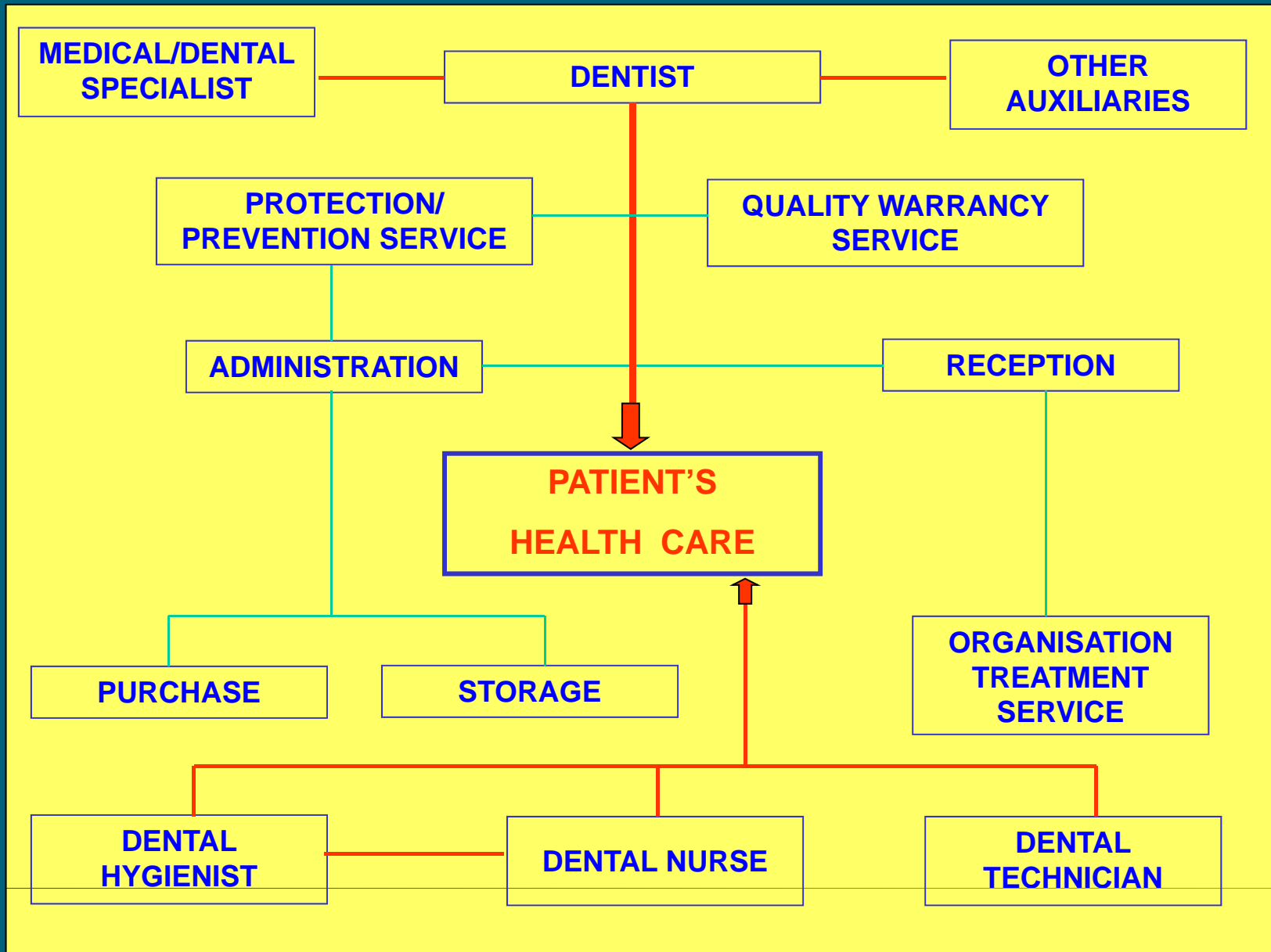
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of the Federation Dentaire Internationale



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THEORETICAL PROCEDURE

The first purpose of this WG is to compare the Profession of Dental Auxiliaries in Dental Team in Europe

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The issue will focus on the profession training compared among the one in Europe

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PROBLEMS DEFINITIONS

Professional entitlement

Recognition of Diplomas and free circulation in the EU

Diploma Certificate and relations to professional institutions like Associations and /or Membership in a Professional Register

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CONTEXT OF PROBLEMS

Profiles and Professional Trainings in Europe vary from each other because of different social-cultural traditional contexts according to different realities and needs of the citizens-patients.

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School Trainings differ in timing, context and profiles arranged and/or adopted by social and institutional level

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THE PURPOSE

To compare the profession, education and training in the whole Old Continent and trace the minimal requirements need to reach a common professional profile as well as to assure high quality of treatments to all European citizens where this figure exists

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METHODS & MATERIALS

At this stage a Bibliographic research, publications, texts, laws, directives and questionnaires started using information-means to get in contact with Institutions, Dental Professional Association, Universities such as:

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METHODS & MATERIALS

Activities of the EU and EU Commissions

Directives of the EU Parliament

National Body of Legislation to carry out Directives

National Body of Legislation for the Profession education and Training

Dental Associations

European Dental Universities

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RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

To point out the existence of each professional figure in each single country

If Yes,

to evaluate qualitative , quantitative impact in oral health service

to point out National Legislation

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RESEARCH HYPOTHESIS

Free Circulation and Establishment of Services (Rome & Lisbon Treaty)
Bologna Declaration and its applications
Professional's skills among EU Countries
Who administrate relationships among such
Dental Team Figures ,Dentists, Population,
Oral Health Country System

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**During our last Plenary of Rome
April 17,2009**

**It was stated that ERO WG Dental
Team has to write a draft Policy
Statement Against Illegal Dental
Practice possibly to be voted at
ERO Plenary of Singapore and**

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MET in

MONZA July 11,2009

and.....

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When we met , instead of writing declaration against something or somebody, it was thought to turn toward a Policy Statement which considered our mandate of Istanbul. So it should have to state:

- Who are we;**
- Our professional needs;**
- Clarify the role of a leading dentist in a Dental Team and the behaviour of its members.**

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This Statement of Principles should be useful in European context first and, point of reference to be proposed to European competent Authorities:

- for top oral health care of European citizens ;**
- for European Dental Team Professionals and their role and behaviour in practice context.**

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The Policy Statement “Dental Team, Tasks and Responsibilities” was divided in:

- Preamble;**
- Working Relationship;**
- Tasks.**

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Preamble

- **Who are we?**
- **our roots;**
- **our training and updating;**
- **our field of competence;**
- **our needs and role to lead a Dental Team;**

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Working Relationship

Working relationship between:

- The leading dentist and Dental Team;
- The leading dentist and Laboratory Dental Technician.

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Principles of Tasks for:

- **Dentists;**
- **Dental Laboratory Technicians;**
- **Other Members of Dental Team;**

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DENTAL TEAM, TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Top quality for patient safety and oral health care

PREAMBLE:

Dentistry is a complex medical science with high standards, which encompasses the prevention, diagnosis and rehabilitation treatment of whole Masticatory System , the hard and soft tissues of the mouth, the salivary glands, the nerves, the muscles and jaws, recognising oral symptoms of the systemic diseases, including oral cancer, malformations and lesions of the teeth, the mouth and jaws, as well as the replacement of missing teeth and the restoration of functional oral health.

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Such treatment calls for medical knowledge, acquired with at least 5 years of University education, according to the European directives in force. This is an education level not reached by the other members of the dental team.

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The Dental Team, led by the dentist, is essential in the prevention of oral diseases and in ensuring the best possible quality of oral health care. All members of the dental team shall have the education and training appropriated for their competencies and be legally allowed to participate in the delivery of oral health care always under the supervision and responsibility of a dentist.

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The Roles and responsibilities of all team members should be specified and defined by the regulatory official authorities and professional dental organisations. Professional dental qualifications should provide confirmation to dental authorities, to the public and to patients, of a dentist's professional competence and entitlement to practise.

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Whilst it must be for the national competent authority to decide upon the legal requirements and restrictions applicable, non-dental qualifications could be misleading both to patients and to the public by implying the attainment of a specialist or other higher diploma. A dentist and all the other members of the dental team should use only those qualifications or titles which are approved for recognition by the competent dental authority in that Country (legislation in the establishment Country, place of work, country where they practice).

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The European dental profession favours the delegation of dental services to the other members of the dental team, having the relevant qualifications and legally practising strictly under the supervision and prescription of the dentists in order to support the dentist and to cope successfully with the increased needs for dental care.

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WORKING RELATIONSHIP

When a dental treatment involves collaboration between a dentist and a dental laboratory technician and with the view to providing the best possible oral health care to the population, the dentist should work together with a duly qualified dental laboratory technician and make consistent efforts to develop and maintain the best possible working relationship.

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3. TASKS

The dentist should

Provide top patient safety and quality assurance of oral health care.

Comply with all legal responsibilities in the performance of all clinical procedures.

Be solely responsible for both the diagnosis and the follow-up actions thereby ensuring the continuing care of the patient.

Require the dental laboratory technician and the dental team to provide the highest quality of service.

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Assume the legal responsibilities and claims in relation to the patient for both the clinical treatments and for the prostheses received and accepted from the dental laboratory technician and for all treatments delegated to other duly qualified members of the dental team.

Provide to the dental technician, by means of the prescription, the written specification and the three-dimensional registers necessary to comply with the dentist's instructions.

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Ensure that all members of the dental team at all times have the appropriate competence and training for the tasks that are delegated to them.

Be responsible of Safety and Health of the Dental Team, including ergonomics and working environment.

Monitor and supervise the performance of the dental team with the purpose of ensuring optimal quality of the oral health care delivered.

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Be responsible for the disinfection and sterilization control in the entire dental practice, as well as protection from radiation.

Update his/her knowledge and training by attending continuing education courses, scientific and professional evolution, according evidence based dentistry.

Protect, as well as all the other members of dental team, all data in relation to the patient and his/her dental treatments, according to the Country's legislation.

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The dental laboratory technician should:

Accept and follow the directions and specifications provided by the dentist including protecting the data of the prosthetic treatments of the patient.

Guarantee the conformity with the prescription of the dentist of the working procedure and the utilised material.

Never be allowed to work in the mouth of the patient.

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The other member/s of the dental team should:

Carry out only the delegated tasks, for which he/she is duly qualified or trained within the authorised practice of the Country, but not tasks for which no such qualification or training have been completed.

Carry out these tasks solely under the supervision of the dentist who shall be present in the dental practice.

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Refer back to the dentist any condition or task, which is outside the competence and training of the team member.

Accept and follow the directions and specifications provided by the dentist including protecting the all data of the patient.

Be trained on rules and code of behaviour towards the patients and the relationship inside the Team itself.

CONCLUSIONS

The Dental Team shall practice according the evidence based dentistry and to the principles of humanity.

The Dental Team shall safeguard the oral health of patients irrespective of their individual status, especially the disabled.

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The dental team shall always prevent ethically and legally illegal dental practice.

After approval, all member countries should communicate this statement to the public and to the government.

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