

Dental Hygienist Profile Draft – Remarks by Bedros Yavru-Sakuk

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In those ERO Member States where dental hygienist (sanitary) **healthcare** profile exists, **the requirements for** education, training and field of competences are very different.

The following professional profile, (built) **described**, educated and trained by the Dental Profession (on) **besides the** “Dental Chair side Assistant” and **the** “Dental Preventive Assistant’s profile is **the** “Dental Hygienist’s” profile.

The European Regional Organization of **the** FDI wants to contribute to patient safety through the development of **an appropriate policy** for the Dental Team **as well as for** the relationship of the Dental Team with the patients.

For these reasons...

The dental hygienist (supports) **helps** the dentist as responsible for the promotion and maintenance of good **oral/dental** hygiene.

In addition...the Dental Hygienist shall acquire and (enlarge) **improve** skills and knowledge in the following fields...in the annex:

Technical and Professional Skills:

- Implement (personified) **individualized** prevention programs approved by the dentist
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- Perform non-surgical and periodontal therapies **under the supervision of the Dentist**
- To be knowledgeable about the properties of the topical preventive pharmacology and their application.**

Perform Oral Health Prevention

- (Motivate and re-motivate) **To motivate continuously** the patient
- Educate (about methods) and train the patient **about** home based oral health **preventive measures** and good oral hygiene **practices.**
- To emphasize the importance and incite the public awareness about the need and the importance of periodic clinical oral/dental check-ups.
- To indicate the importance of an adequate and balanced diet for the protection of the oral/dental health.**
- Sensitize the patients???????

- To implement preventive programs.... and (in who belongs) **for people living** in deprived communities.
- **To motivate the children (and) about the topical fluoride applications and procedures without drilling**
- **To do counseling for smoking cessation**
- To give advice for oral cancer prevention.**
- To remove extrinsic discolorations and pigmentations of the teeth thru polishing.**
- To polish, to smooth the dental restorations.**

Trainee admission;

As initial requirement for the dental hygienist training:

The trainee should have fulfilled a training as DCA and DPA and should have practiced one year as a DPA.

Minimum Training Requirements:

In addition the Training Body should provide at least 300 additional hours of education and training.

-Organizing Body:

The Training Body should be accredited by the Regulatory Body of the Country.

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In ANNEXES Page 7: ORAL DISEASE..."Be familiar with their role in pre-and post surgical (situation) condition.

Page 8: Be competent in instructing the patient in methods of plaque control for both natural teeth and (for bridges, dentures, and implants) **any kind of dental prosthesis.** (How about removable partial dentures?)

Have knowledge of etiology, pathology, and progression and (presentation) **manifestation** of periodontal disease.

Page 9: Be competent at obtaining a detailed history of the patient's dental (state) condition.

Page 12: Have knowledge of the **systemic** use of fluoride (systemically)