

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Dental Hygienist Profile

Preamble

European Regional Organization of FDI, which represents more than 540.000 dentists Europe wide, aims to promote high standards of oral healthcare and dentistry and effective patient-safety centred professional practice.

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

In those Member States where dental hygienist sanitary profile exists education, training and field of competences are very different.

The following professional profile, built, educated and trained by Dental Profession on Dental Chair side Assistant profile and Dental Preventive Assistant Profile, is Dental Hygienist Profile.

European Regional Organization of FDI wants to contribute to patient safety through the development of policy of the dental team structure and of the relationship of the dental team with patients.

For these reasons, European Dental Organizations submitted this Profile of DH to the ERO Plenary assembly dated.....

Dental Hygienist Professional Profile

The Dental Hygienist works in private and public dental practices only under the supervision of the dentist.

The dental hygienist is trained and examined according to the following professional profile as described in the Annex.

The dental hygienist supports the dentist as responsible for the promotion and maintenance of good dental hygiene.

In addition to the skills and knowledge of Dental Chair Assistants(DCA), Dental Preventive Assistants (DPA), the Dental Hygienist shall acquire and enlarge skills and knowledge in the following fields which are also listed in the annex:

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
- Topical pharmacologic application for prevention

Perform Oral Health Prevention

- Motivate and remotivate 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
- 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

Trainee Admission

As requirements to start dental hygienist training the trainee has fulfilled training as DCA and DPA and one year practicing as DPA.

Minimum Training Requirements

The Training Provider shall guarantee further at least 300 hrs.

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.

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.

Acquired Rights/Transitional Condition

For European Union Countries DH profile is a profile that doesn't belong to a regulated profession under the umbrella of PQD 36/2005: in those countries where this profile

exists, it is not possible to have an automatic mutual or partial recognition, according to paragraph 6 , article 4 f).

In countries where there is no DH's Profile, it is not possible to practice in any case.

Continuing Education

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

Registration/Regulatory Authority

According the country legislation