

ERO-FDI Working Group
“Liberal Dental Practice in Europe”
Report 2014/2015

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Participants of the Geneva meeting February 2015

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Items treated:

- Data Protection: “How should clients health data be handled?”
- Liberal dental practice in practice partnerships, practice networks and medical care units

During our Plenary Session in Paris the ERO working group “Liberal Dental Practice” presented a draft statement concerning the data documentation, data storage and data transfer of health data from our patients. The WG figured out, that the main goal of the statement is to protect our special relationship of

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trust and absolute discretion between our patients and us. This responsibility we wanted to express in a statement from the plenary session.

After a longer discussion we decided to send a draft statement to every delegate to have the opportunity and time to think about this important item and probably to overwork it, before bringing this statement to vote in our next plenary session. We received some feedback and we took into account those opinions. Great importance was placed on receiving the patients informed consent for storing and transferring his data. The ERO statement “Data-protection as part of patient/citizen protection is a higher and ethical expression of liberal dental practice” www.erodental.org was adopted in the following meeting in New Delhi without a dissenting vote.

On the assumption that working conditions in cooperation and depending employment will rise in future founded on professional further education, social changes of different ways of life and not least of all because of the feminisation within dental profession, the WG decided in their last meeting in February 2015 in Geneva, to observe and to discuss the latest forms of dental practice. We will be confronted with, that practice in institutions instead of individual will be the future and that liberal practice as system-relevant feature will be subject to negotiation. This will be the item of our coming meeting in Tbilisi.

Dr. Ernst-Jürgen Otterbach

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