

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Netherlands

Association: KNMT

Venue: Orteliuslaan 750 Utrecht

Year: 2020

Changes:

The board of KNMT existed of 4 members: Dr. Wolter Brands president, Dr. Henk Donker vice-president/treasurer, Dr. Richard Kohsiek vice-president and Dr. Joke kwakman vice-president.

In addition to KNMT for many years the interests of the dental profession are also promoted by a smaller sister association ANT. The year 2020 was marked by discussions and negotiations to merge both associations into one.

Trends and developments:

-starting 2020 the retention period for patient files is extended from 15 to 20 years;

-informed consent is changed into shared decision making. This means that the information given must be suitable and understandable for the individual patient;

-starting July 1 all dental practices with more than 25 dental professionals need to have a (patients) client council;

-starting July 1, as part of a 5 year experiment, registered Dental hygienists are allowed to make x-rays, give anesthesia and treat primary cavities;

-starting July 1 patients have a right of access to their electronic file and the right to demand an electronic copy of that file.

Corporate Dentistry:

We cannot identify huge problems with or within corporate entities at the moment, but KNMT is aware of potential risks. KNMT is of the opinion that at all times return of investment must be subordinate to good dental care for patients.

Changes in fees:

Regular indexation.

Information regarding the promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic planned activities on World Oral Health Day were cancelled.

3 main concerns:

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- the experimental regulation for Dental Hygienists;*
 - the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on dental practices. How to give optimal support to dental professionals in order to ensure the rendering of responsible dental care;*
 - ageing population.*