



TÜRK DİŞHEKİMLERİ BİRLİĞİ
TURKISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION

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National Report

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Dear Monika Lang,

Please find the enclosed Turkish Dental Association National Report for the year 2020.

Should you need any more data, please contact with us.

Thank you.

Best regards,

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National Report

Country: Turkey

Association: Turkish Dental Association

Venue:

Year: 2020

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

No changes in the association and its organization (no plenaries, no elections)

Trends and developments:

- Dental education has been carried out in most faculties in distance education format since March 2020 in line with pandemic measures. Educational and scientific activities were transferred to online platforms, congresses were postponed, and more webinars and virtual congresses were held. (20 March Oral Health Day Online Symposium 19-21 March 2021 www.idoonline.org). Along with normalization, it is anticipated that in the spring term of 2021, the hybrid model including face-to-face and diluted clinical training will be introduced in most faculties.
- There are 99 dental faculties in Turkey. 79 of them currently provide education. With the new project of YÖK (Council of Higher Education), there will be cooperation between the old and the new universities. Similar collaborations will be made in the field of Dentistry and experienced universities will contribute to the education of new universities.
- Professional politics: General Assemblies cannot be held due to the pandemic
- Health and social politics: Dentists working in the public sector and students getting training in a residency were assigned to filiation.

Corporate Dentistry

- Although the Turkish Dental Association has a different opinion, in accordance with the Regulation on Private Health Institutions Providing Oral Health Services of the Ministry of Health, it is possible to open a second health institution by the owner institution of a clinic or health center. Based on the restriction in the regulation as "a second health institution", it is determined that the owner of a polyclinic or center can open only one more health institution, not an unlimited number of health institutions, which has prevented healthcare services from being merely commercial organizations and chain health institutions.

Changes in fees:

According to the meeting decisions of the Oral Health Examination and Treatment Price Update Commission dated 16.12.2020 and the responses to the circular numbered 001-1.123 dated 01.02.2021 where the opinions of our chambers were requested, the Oral Health Examination and Treatment Price Tariff was prepared by applying the cost analysis. The tariff to be applied by self-employed dentists in 2021 was determined as a single group.

Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:

No physical activity was done due to the pandemic. Written messages and images prepared for the public were shared on our website.

Further information (activities):

Number of Faculty of Dentistry in Turkey 2021: 99 faculties, 79 of them provide education.

Total Number of dentists in Turkey

Self-employed 22 000

16.911 working in the public (in 5074 Faculty of Dentistry)

Unemployed but member of Dental Chambers; 3008

Our 3 main concerns

The outcome of distant dental education (lack of Clinical training)

Impact of the pandemic on the dental profession (in general)

The increasing cost of digitalization

3 points we would like to discuss

Impact of the pandemic on the dental profession

The increasing cost of digitalization

Can dental education be online and Tele dentistry