

Regional European Organisation of the FDI

National Report

Country: Slovenia

Association: Slovenian Dental Association (SDA)

Venue: on-line

Year: 2020

Please classify your national report by following subjects:

Changes

in the association and its organisation

No changes.

Trends and developments:

in professional politics

Ministry of Health released “Recommendations for patient treatment in a dental practice during the release of measures in the conditions of COVID-19”.

The document comprehensively addresses and takes into account the issues directed to providers and patients, and at the same time predicts raising standards to a new level. Higher standards will have a direct positive impact on safety during treatment, but also a negative one on financial and organizational burdens, so we will continue to look for opportunities for financial relief for companies and employees in dentistry.

The public interest is a functioning, accessible, safe and equal dental system as an integral part of public health in the Republic of Slovenia. The standards of work in a dental practice described in this document preserve and promote the vital interest of maintaining public health in the Republic of Slovenia.

Given the stricter working conditions and the increase in workloads during and after the COVID 19 epidemic, the need to expand the dental team in a dental practice is indicated. This is justified by the changed method of performing procedures within the already defined “dental office time”, as well as by increased

control and monitoring the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection within a dental practice. Material costs inevitably increase due to the introduction of additional personal protective equipment (PPE) for the patient and medical staff protection and increased consumption of existing PPE. The time norms increase within the provision of dental services, not only for the provision of the service itself, but also for all preparatory procedures and procedures after the patient leaves a dental office.

Demands for infection control and prevention in a dental practice are higher due to the COVID-19 epidemic and its consequences, which also has financial impact. As a result, sources of funding should be provided on a legal basis and in the standards of the Health Insurance Institute of Slovenia according to individual dental programs.

in health and social politics

“Act Determining Intervention Measures to Assist in Mitigating the Consequences of the Second Wave of COVID-19” (seven Anti-Corona Packages) by the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities came into force to mitigate the consequences of the epidemic until December 31, 2020.

in educational politics

Adjusted to the current COVID-19 epidemiological situation.

in the insurance system (incl. the public health insurance and private insurance schemes)

Corporate Dentistry

position of NDA towards dental chains

problems with dental chains

possible solutions

Changes in fees: /

*Information regarding promotion of the World Oral Health Day:
The translated posters in our language for this year can already be found on the WOHD website:*

<https://www.worldoralhealthday.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/WOHD21-pressad-SLOVENIA-SI.pdf>

Further information (activities): /

What are your 3 main concerns?

There is still no assessment of epidemiological needs in the field of oral health at the national level.

3 points you would like to discuss

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