



The Council of European Chief Dental Officers

POSITION PAPER

CECDO position paper on Patient Safety

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This position paper relates to the following aspects of patient safety:

- Health Legislation/Regulation
- Education / undergraduate training / CPD
- Quality assurance
- Patient records
- Evidence base
- Patients Rights.

Patient safety is paramount and any risks have to be assessed and managed. Therefore it is fundamental to have appropriate guidelines on patient safety in dental practice.

There is increasing movement of patients and professionals across the Member States a Pan-European approach will be beneficial.

In addition a good source of information should be available via patient feedback and significant event analysis.

The CECDO position is that,

there is a need for comprehensive Pan-European activities on establishing standards and guidelines and information should be exchanged. The domains within the guidelines should include a number of core topics such as: infection control, radiation safety, patient records and confidentiality and better information exchange between all health care, oral health care workers and the public.