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Table 1 The competences directly related to oral pathology and oral medicine in the PCD

Domain III: Knowledge Base, Information and Information Literacy

Major Competence: Application of Basic Biological, Medical, Technical and Clinical Sciences

Supporting competences

On graduation, a dentist must:

have knowledge of:

- (3.4) the biological processes in the body to a sufficient depth to be able to exploit new emerging biological technologies, especially in regenerative medicine, within clinical practice.
- (3.5) the cellular and molecular basis of life including both eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.
- (3.6) the biomedical sciences in the normal healthy individual at a depth relevant to dentistry.
- (3.7) disease processes such as infection, inflammation, disorders of the immune system, degeneration, neoplasia, metabolic disturbances and genetic disorders.
- (3.8) pathological features and dental relevance of common disorders of the major organ systems, and have knowledge of the oral manifestations of systemic disease.
- (3.9) the aetiology and pathological processes of oral diseases in order to facilitate their prevention, diagnosis and management
- (3.10) pharmacology and therapeutics relevant to clinical dental practice and its application thereto, and be familiar with pharmacology in general medicine.
- (3.12) the ability to apply this knowledge and understanding of basic biological, medical and clinical sciences to every day real life and clinical situations.

Domain IV: Clinical Information Gathering

Supporting competences

On graduation, a dentist must:

be competent at:

- (4.1) identifying the chief complaint of the patient and obtaining a history of the present illness complaint, and include an appropriate record as part of the patient's medical history including present medication.
- (4.4) initiating an appropriate written medical referral in order to clarify a question related to the patient's systemic condition.
- (4.5) performing an extra-oral and intraoral examination appropriate to the patient, including assessment of vital signs, and the recording of those findings.
- (4.6) completing and charting a comprehensive oral hard and soft tissue examination.
- (4.13) recognising the clinical features of oral mucosal diseases or disorders, including oral neoplasia and identifying conditions that require management.
- (4.14) assessing salivary function.

have knowledge of:

(4.19) of appropriate clinical laboratory and other diagnostic procedures and tests, and an understanding of their diagnostic reliability and validity, and the interpretation of the results.

Domain V: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning

Supporting competences

On graduation, a dentist must:

be competent at:

(5.2) recognising the presence of systemic disease and knowing how the disease and its treatment, including present medication, affect the delivery of dental care.

Domain VI: Therapy: Establishing and Maintaining Oral Health

Major competences:

On graduation, the dentist must:

be competent at:

- (6.10) treating and managing conditions requiring minor surgical procedures of the hard and soft tissues, and to apply and /or prescribe appropriate pharmaceutical agents to support treatment.
- (6.11) diagnosing and managing common oral mucosal diseases and disorders.

Supporting competences

On graduation, a dentist must:

be competent at:

- (6.17) educating patients concerning the aetiology and prevention of oral disease and encourage them to assume responsibility for their oral health.
- (6.20) prescribing and monitoring the effects of appropriate pharmaceutical agents, including the chemical control of dental plaque.
- (6.52) managing acute oral infections, including patient referral and prescription of appropriate drugs.
- (6.56) counselling patients regarding the nature and severity of non-life-threatening oral mucosal diseases and disorders, providing the patient with realistic options and expectations of management.
- (6.57) performing limited soft tissue diagnostic procedures.
- (6.59) participating in the diagnosis and proper referral of the patient with life-threatening oral mucosal diseases including oral cancer.

have knowledge of:

(6.71) the effects of tobacco on the oral mucosa and ways in which to help patients who wish to stop using tobacco.

be familiar with:

(6.79) the treatment of common oral medical disorders, both medical and surgical.

Domain VII: Health Promotion

Supporting competences

On graduation, a dentist must:

be competent at:

(7.2) understanding the complex interactions between oral health, nutrition, general health, drugs and diseases that can have an impact on oral health care and oral diseases.