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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
<i>Major Competence: Application of Basic Biological, Medical, Technical and Clinical Sciences</i>
<p><i>Supporting competences</i> On graduation, a dentist must:</p> <p><i>have knowledge of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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
<p><i>Supporting competences</i> On graduation, a dentist must:</p> <p><i>be competent at:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p><i>have knowledge of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.