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CED BOARD WORKING GROUP PATIENT SAFETY, INFECTION CONTROL & WASTE MANAGEMENT

NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL MEETING

Last Meeting: 16 October 2018

Intravenous Sedation in Europe Next Steps

- The CED Brussels Office received a request in July 2018 from its French Member who was contacted by the French National Dental Academy concerning intravenous sedation in Europe; the questions include which countries this is being done in, whether the product is administrated by dentist or anaesthetist, what kind of products are used, and the European Law Perspective etc.
- At the advice of WG PSICWM Chair, the WG Members were contacted in order to provide their opinion as to how best to take this information request into account. In addition to that, members were reminded of the existing [CED resolution of May 2012, on the use of Nitrogen Sedation in Dentistry](#) (CED-DOC-2012-007-E-FIN) which is very helpful regarding the provision of pain-free dentistry.
- Following a discussion during the WG meeting of 16 October, the members agreed to focus 1) on updating the CED resolution on Nitrogen Sedation, making it more timely and corresponding to new developments and 2) eventually considering a survey on intravenous sedation in the course of 2019. This decision was taken on the basis of the importance of the topic of nitrous oxide in relation to patient safety and occupational safety alike.

European Commission Consultations Next Steps

- The CED Brussels Office shared the following three European Commission Consultations with WG PSICWM Chair:
 1. [European Commission Consultation \(Urban Waste Water Directive\)](#) **opened for contributions by 19 October**
 - During the WG meeting on 16 October, the members decided that it is not necessary to contribute to this Consultation.
 2. [European Commission Public consultation addressing the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation](#), **opened for contributions by 29 October**

- The WG Chair provided a draft contribution to this Consultation, focusing on the relevant areas of interest to dentistry; the contribution was shared with the WG Members for their feedback and approval and will also be shared with the CED Board.
- European Commission Consultation on [Fitness Check of the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive](#) **opened for contributions until 4 March 2019**
 - During the last WG meeting on 16 October it was agreed to consider providing a reply to this Consultation. As a first step the CED Brussels Office and the WG Chair will isolate the main areas of interest and provide tentative replies that will be shared with the WG for feedback.

Strategy on Patient Safety

- WG PSICWM Chair would like to highlight the necessity for a CED Strategy on Patient Safety, providing concrete recommendations on the topic.
- Within the currently envisioned timeframe for the development of such a document, this idea was brought up to the attention of WG PSICWM, with the goal of having the document ready for next year's Board Meeting in March 2019.
- The WG discussed the following broad topics touching on issues of patient safety:
 - **ADMINISTRATIVE**
 - a) Data Protection
 - b) Clinical Protocols
 - c) Research Protocols
 - d) Continuous Professional Development & lifelong learning & welfare issues
 - **CLINICAL**
 - a) Infection Control procedures
 - b) Injury protection protocols & procedures
 - b1) clinical
 - b2) infrastructure
 - c) Protection from ionizing and non-ionizing radiation
 - d) Ingestion/aspiration of objects related to dental praxis
 - e) Water quality
 - f) Dental materials' related issues
 - g) Drug prescribing and state of mind of the practitioner
 - h) Resuscitation protocols & techniques
 - i) Analgesia and Sedative Techniques.

Sustainability in Dentistry

- Sustainability in dentistry was discussed during the last WG meeting; WG Chair Tzoutzas delivered a presentation on the topic and encouraged further discussion among the members present.

- The WG would like to highlight the necessity to focus further on this issue, especially in light of its connection to circular economy, and the importance of taking provisional and preventative actions.
- The WG would like to underline the necessity for a CED Statement on sustainability in dentistry.

Working Group

- During the WG meeting of 16 October, members discussed the possibility of eventually changing the name of the group in the course of 2019, ensuring that it corresponds better to the mandate and to its activities and priorities.
