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**CED WORKING GROUP ORAL HEALTH**

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**Objectives of the Working Group**

1. Work to decrease oral health inequalities, by lobbying work. Promote a healthy lifestyle in all community environments, amongst citizens of all ages to achieve and maintain good oral health and enhance cost-effective prevention of oral diseases in Europe, taking into account social determinants of health.
2. Increase the awareness of the relationship between oral health and general health with European institutions, dentists, and the general population by including key messages in specific activities.
3. Create a policy for CED that covers the importance of oral care and disease management in dental patients, including medically compromised ones and patients with chronic diseases or disabilities. The policy should also support lifelong prevention and health promotion, with a focus on healthy aging within the framework of integrated care. In addition, it would encompass connections between oral health and diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancers, etc.
4. Highlight and engage in activities on the importance of prevention in dentistry through different measures - from using fluoride to prevent caries to HPV vaccination to prevent oral cancer. Additionally, address the risk factors that tobacco and related products, alcohol and acidic drinks present to oral and general health.
5. Develop initiatives, including a policy document for EU implementation, to highlight the risks of sugar consumption for oral and general health. These measures should cover product reformulation, improved labelling, (hypothecated) taxation or levies, stricter advertising and marketing restrictions, and proactive campaigns to raise public awareness and health literacy on this public health challenge.
6. Collaborate with European institutions and National Dental Associations and monitor relevant EU legislative initiatives on current and future strategic health priorities, as well as national campaigns, that could have impact on oral health.
7. Raise awareness on universal health coverage (UHC as defined by WHO), including access to sustainable healthcare, disease prevention, the fight against cross-border healthcare threats and health inequities, as well as a continued supply of medicines for EU citizens.
8. Develop a common position that defines the role of dentists in the multidisciplinary management of obstructive sleep apnea (OSA).
9. Collect and use appropriate data and evidence to respond to consultations and promote CED activities including the provision of material and the organization of events.
10. Prepare positions, monitor, and participate in relevant EU activities targeting to encourage the prudent use of antimicrobials in dentistry, pharmacovigilance of antibiotics, and specifically to

antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) as well as to vaccination as an effective and cost-effective public health intervention in reducing antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

11. Increase awareness of antimicrobial resistance among the general public and dentists, and collaborate with Working Group Patient Safety, Infection Control, and Waste Management on infection control measures.

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