

DISSEMINATION MEMO

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INTRODUCTION

1. The project group 'Harmonisation & Standardization of European Dental Schools' Programs of Continuing Professional Development for Graduate Dentists' identifies core compulsory and core recommended topics for continuous education for dentists.
2. In The Netherlands, no compulsory re-registration system is in place for dentists. Dentists can voluntarily register in a Quality Register Dentistry (KRT). When doing so, they have to comply with re-registration KRT guidelines in order to stay listed in the KRT.
3. KRT is developing guidelines on following courses from different 'competency-fields', in order to ensure that diversification takes place in the Continuous Professional Development (CPD) topics the dentist enlists for.
4. In daily practice, Dutch dentists can follow any kind of CPD course, especially those dentists not registered in the KRT.
5. The Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA) is the largest provider of dental CPD in The Netherlands.
6. ACTA has subjected itself to the Quality Mark 'Q-Keur', a Dutch accreditation system for dental CPD. CPD credit points may either be accredited with the Q-mark or not be accredited with the Q-mark. For the Dutch dentist, this is an indication of quality of the offered CPD. CPD courses with Q-mark have more credit points than CPD courses without Q-mark.

PLAN

1. ACTA plans to develop a CPD package for Dutch dentists. This CPD package contains guidelines for core CPD topics to be followed periodically. For example, the guidelines may state that a course in radiation protection must be followed every 5 years and a course in first aid must be followed every two years.
2. Responsible persons for this CPD package are the Dean of ACTA (Professor Albert Feilzer) and the CPD director of ACTA (Eva Povel M.Sc.).
3. The CPD package will be applicable for dentists registered in the KRT as well as those not registered in the KRT.
4. The guidelines in the CPD package will be fine-tuned with the Dutch Inspection of Health, with existing Dutch CPD guidelines and with the Q-mark system.
5. The guidelines in the CPD package will also be fine-tuned with the guidelines produced by the project group 'Harmonisation & Standardization of European Dental Schools' Programs of Continuing Professional Development for Graduate Dentists' containing core compulsory and core recommended topics for continuous education for dentists.