

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

<p>Domain III: Knowledge Base, Information and Information Literacy</p>
<p><i>Major Competence: Application of Basic Biological, Medical, Technical and Clinical Sciences</i></p>
<p><i>Supporting competences</i> On graduation, a dentist must:</p> <p><i>have knowledge of:</i></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3.5) the cellular and molecular basis of life including both eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.</p> <p>(3.6) the biomedical sciences in the normal healthy individual at a depth relevant to dentistry.</p> <p>(3.7) disease processes such as infection, inflammation, disorders of the immune system, degeneration, neoplasia, metabolic disturbances and genetic disorders.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(3.9) the aetiology and pathological processes of oral diseases in order to facilitate their prevention, diagnosis and management</p> <p>(3.10) pharmacology and therapeutics relevant to clinical dental practice and its application thereto, and be familiar with pharmacology in general medicine.</p> <p>(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.</p>
<p>Domain IV: Clinical Information Gathering</p>
<p><i>Supporting competences</i> On graduation, a dentist must:</p> <p><i>be competent at:</i></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(4.4) initiating an appropriate written medical referral in order to clarify a question related to the patient's systemic condition.</p> <p>(4.5) performing an extra-oral and intraoral examination appropriate to the patient, including assessment of vital signs, and the recording of those findings.</p> <p>(4.6) completing and charting a comprehensive oral hard and soft tissue examination.</p> <p>(4.13) recognising the clinical features of oral mucosal diseases or disorders, including oral neoplasia and identifying conditions that require management.</p> <p>(4.14) assessing salivary function.</p> <p><i>have knowledge of:</i></p> <p>(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.</p>

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.