

Dental Implantology Privilege

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Acknowledgment

Dubai Health Authority (DHA) is pleased to present the Dental Implantology Privilege, which represents a milestone towards fulfilling the DHA strategic objective to “Ensure continuous development of medical and administrative professionals and attract the highly qualified”.

This document will enable the Health Regulation Department (HRD) to ensure safe and competent delivery of dental implantology services.

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I. Scope

This document applies to all licensed general dentists and specific dental specialists opting to provide dental implant services in the Emirate of Dubai. This document does not attempt to make available information related to the clinical steps necessary in performing dental implant services.

II. Purpose

This document defines the requirements that must be satisfied by appropriately qualified, trained and skilled general dentists and dental specialists opting to practice implant dentistry and defines the categories of dentists licensed by DHA eligible for attain this privileges.

III. Definitions

Dental Implantology is the branch of dental practice pertaining to the restoration and maintenance of oral function, appearance and health of the patient through the replacement of teeth and contiguous structures with endosseous dental implants and associated prosthetic components.

Dental Implant is a cylindrical and/ or tapered post, usually made of titanium that serves as a substitute for the tooth root and provides a strong and sturdy foundation for one or more replacement teeth.

Privilege is the approval endowed to licensed healthcare professionals by DHA to practice certain procedures based on additional qualification or training.

IV. Acronyms

- CME** : Continuing Medical Education
DHA : Dubai Health Authority
HRD : Health Regulation Department
MOHSR : Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
SME : Subject Matter Experts

1. Introduction

Dentists utilizing dental implants in their practices require specialized knowledge and clinical skills related to both the surgical and prosthetic aspects of treatment. Health Regulation Department (HRD) shall assess dentists carrying out dental implantology services to ensure competency to issue them a privilege.

2. Professional Categories

2.1. The following Dubai Health Authority (DHA) licensed healthcare professionals are permitted to submit an application to opt to provide dental implantology services:

2.1.1. General Dentist

2.1.2. Specialist Dentist licensed with one of the following titles:

2.1.2.1. Periodontics

2.1.2.2. Prosthodontics

2.1.2.3. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

2.1.2.4. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery ¹

2.1.2.5. Oral Surgery

2.1.2.6. Restorative Dentistry

3. Eligibility Criteria

3.1. All applicants shall clear the DHA assessment in implantology to attain privilege to practice implantology in the Emirate of Dubai.

3.2. **Category 1-** General Dentist and Restorative Dentist with:

3.2.1. Valid and current DHA license

3.2.2. Recognized certificate in implantology/ implant dentistry issued by an university or college accredited by Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHSR) or equivalent body comprising of:

¹ Oral Maxillofacial Surgery – Intercollegiate Specialty Board Physician title from Ireland; with dental curriculum included

- 3.2.2.1. Minimum of two hundred (200) hours of continuous medical education (CME) in the same course to be completed within two (2) years
- 3.2.2.2. Evidence of completion of a minimum of thirty (30) cases of various implant treatments; single and multiple on different sites of the upper and lower dental arches that have been restored surgically and with a final prosthesis in the last two (2) years
- 3.2.3. Applicant should not be out of implant practice for the last two (2) years
- 3.3. **Category 2-** Dental specialist who have dental implantology in their curriculum with a valid DHA license with evidence of completion of a minimum of thirty (30) cases of various implant treatments; single and multiple on different sites of the upper and lower dental arches that have been restored surgically and with a final prosthesis in the last two (2) years.
 - 3.3.1. The specialities include:
 - 3.3.1.1. Periodontics
 - 3.3.1.2. Prosthodontics
 - 3.3.1.3. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
 - 3.3.1.4. Oral Maxillofacial Surgery
 - 3.3.1.5. Oral Surgery

4. Application Procedure

- 4.1. Applicants shall apply via the online licensing system *Sheryan* choosing “Add/ Upgrade Professional Title” option and upload the following documents:
 - 4.1.1. Certificate of training course
 - 4.1.2. Log book showing evidence of implant cases countersigned by supervisor or academic tutor(s)
- 4.2. Upon receipt of a complete application, HRD will verify accuracy of the documents provided after which the applicant will proceed to select an assessment date via the online system.

- 4.3. If the applicant completes the assessment successfully, an eligibility letter is issued which is valid for one (1) year, to activate the privilege.

5. Renewal of Implantology Privilege

- 5.1. For the renewal of the implantology privilege, the dentists shall provide evidence of completing a minimum of eight (8) cases of various implant treatments; single and multiple on different sites of the upper and lower dental arches that have been restored surgically and with a final prosthesis in the last one (1) year.

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