

## FDI World Dental Federation introduces

# Sustainable Dentistry toolkit

Dental practices can use the tools of this toolkit as a guide to make their work more sustainable. They can also use it to track their progress and receive “awards” for their efforts.

The FDI World Dental Federation today launched a Sustainable Dentistry toolkit to help dental practices take the right steps to make their work environmentally sustainable. In providing dental practices and dental teams with tools and strategies to implement “greener” processes and workflows and to track their progress, the FDI aims to help reduce the industry’s environmental footprint significantly.

A joint statement on sustainable oral health was issued earlier this year, outlining challenges and solutions when it comes to improve sustainability in dentistry. The statement recognises that the dental industry has a responsibility to provide sustainable dental care without compromising patient welfare.

“Dentists and dental teams can take an active role in reducing the environmental impact of dentistry without sacrificing the highest standards of patient care. The Sustainable Dentistry toolkit, available online, is a step in the right direction. It helps dental practices take appropriate action to reduce their carbon footprint”, explains FDI President Professor Ihsane Ben Yahya.

“I hope that the work we do today will have a positive effect on future generations, so that they, too, can live healthy and happy lives on our planet.”

The toolkit was developed as part of FDI’s “Sustainability in Dentistry” project. It is an interactive platform that offers guidance and suggests practical solutions to users striving to work more sustainably. Dentists and their teams can tackle various challenges and earn bronze, silver and gold awards for their practice. These interactive challenges provide tools needed to raise awareness, implement changes and become more sustainable. Dental companies and practices worldwide can register to make greener choices and demonstrate their commitment to planet welfare.

Source: FDI

## Sustainability in Dentistry: A FDI project

The FDI’s “Sustainability in Dentistry” project was inaugurated to promote a commitment to reducing the collective carbon footprint of dentistry. It is aimed at dentists, patients and the entire dental supply chain. The project will develop a set of tools and resources to help dental practices and patients become more sustainable. The joint statement was developed in collaboration with various stakeholders. Its work to date has culminated in the development of the online Sustainable Dentistry toolkit to help dental practices reduce their environmental impact. A statement of commitment to sustainable dentistry has also been developed. It includes guidelines and targets for a sustainable procurement and supply process. Stakeholders throughout the supply chain are encouraged to sign this commitment.

The project is supported by founding partners of the FDI: [www.fdiworlddental.org/sustainability-dentistry](http://www.fdiworlddental.org/sustainability-dentistry)

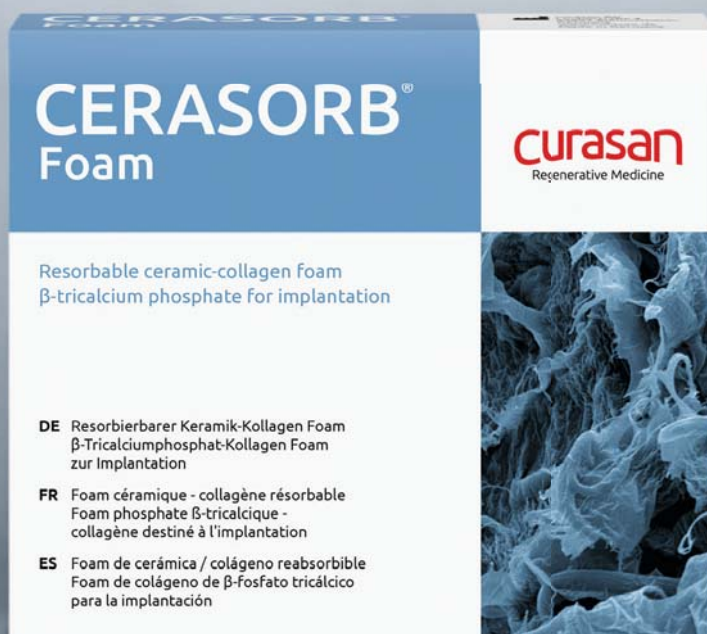


Professor Ihsane Ben Yahya, President of FDI.

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