

Starting in 2026, in person and online

Expert witness curriculum in implantology

The BDIZ EDI has announced an expert witness curriculum in implantology for 2026. The association is thus expanding its continuing education offerings with a programme specifically aimed at interested dentists who want to look behind the scenes at the work of dental expert witness, courts and lawyers in disputes and qualify as experts themselves.

In addition to in-depth specialist knowledge in dental disciplines, the expert witness curriculum also teaches the legal, ethical and methodological foundations of expert work. Dentists are enabled to record and evaluate treatment processes from an expert witness' perspective.

The event

The curriculum is delivered in a hybrid format across several modules within a year—i. e. online and in person—and takes place on weekends (Friday/Saturday). It concludes with certification by the BDIZ EDI. The number of participants is limited to 30 to enable intensive work in small groups. The exact dates will be announced in March 2026.

Part A and Part B

The curriculum is divided into two parts: Part A covers legally compliant treatment and Part B deals with the work of the assessor. The curriculum is led by Prof. Dr Andreas Schlegel (Munich), expert advisor to the Bavarian KZV and, until 2022, advisor for expert services to the Bavarian State Dental Association in conjunction with the KZVB. Schlegel developed the programme together with Dr Markus Tröltzsch (Ansbach), who heads the Southern Curriculum for the BDIZ EDI and sits on the BDIZ EDI's executive committee.

The live events take place in Munich. The pool of speakers includes experts from various dental disciplines and lawyers, including judges, public prosecutors and chamber representatives for expert opinions (including Prof. Dr Andreas Schlegel, judge Dr Kerstin Gröner, senior public prosecutor Thomas Hochstein, barrister Susanne Ottmann-Kolbe, Prof. Dr Christoph Benz, solicitor Prof. Dr Thomas Ratajczak, Christian Berger, Dr Markus Tröltzsch, Prof. Dr Joachim Zöller, Prof. Dr Johann Müller, Prof. Dr Christian Gernhardt, Dr Markus Bechtold, Prof. Dr Peter Proff, Dr Bernd Rehberg, Dr Katharina Bücher, Prof. Dr Jörg Neugebauer, Dr Stefan Liepe, Prof. Dr Falk Schwendicke).



Part A: Legally compliant treatment

Module 1: Expert witnesses, courts, litigation, in person

Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.	Welcome
9:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	What judges expect from experts
11:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m.	Coffee break
11:15 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	What does the public prosecutor expect from the expert witness?
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch break
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Types of expert reports: court reports for civil, criminal and social courts, other reports, expert opinions, clarification, expert evaluation criteria, the most common errors
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Coffee break
4:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Conservation issues in expert reports
7:30 p.m.	Option to have dinner together (advance booking required)

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.	
8:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m.	Court reports, X-ray findings, expert examinations, formal design of reports, dealing with comments and judgements, dealing with scientific data and databases, fundamentals of expert witnessing, fundamentals of the arbitration mechanism, legal basis of public law corporations in dentistry and their impact on professional practice, legal proceedings against dentists
12:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Expert report templates, the purpose of presenting a uniform appearance, how to write an expert report, dealing with scientific literature
3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	How to write an expert report, sample reports in groups

Module 2: Legal basis in general, online

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m.	Basics of documentation, clarification, difference between process documentation and billing documentation
12:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch break
1.00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Correct billing, defending a dental colleague, dealing with mistakes

Part B: System of expert assessments

Module 3: Legal basis specifically*, online

Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:15 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Prosthetics
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch break
2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Endodontics
5:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	Break
5:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Periodontology

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–7:15 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Orthodontics as reflected in dental reports
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch break
1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Oral and maxillofacial surgery
4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Implantology

Module 4

Day 1: Legal basis specifically*, online Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:15 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Functional analysis and therapy as reflected in the dental report
10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Billing issues
12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch break
2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Paediatric dentistry
5:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.	Break
5:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Radiological issues including CBCT

** for modules 3 and 4, possibly full-day intensive blocks*

Day 2: Guidelines, cases and digital technology/AI, online Saturday 9:00 a.m.–7:15 p.m.	
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Fundamentals guidelines, significance
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch break
1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.	Crazy cases
4:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m.	Break
4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.	Digital technologies/AI

Module 5: Court live in Munich or Düsseldorf, in person

Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
The role of the expert witness in court—from the file to the hearing; the court proceedings, fundamentals in court and practical exercises based on a specific case file

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Risks in court: bias, stumbling blocks and rules of the game in oral hearings—training and live simulation of an actual court proceeding

Module 6: Self-study and report writing

Module 7: Completion, in person

Friday 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	
2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	Presentation of the participants' completed expert reports

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Presentation of the participants' completed expert reports
Final discussion and presentation of certificates

Interested?

Anyone interested in the BDIZ EDI expert curriculum should register their interest. There are only 30 places available in total to ensure learning success.

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