




FDI Congress in Prague—political work

# Guiding principles for international standards

At its general assembly in Prague in 2026, the FDI World Dental Federation adopted new policy statements and further developed existing ones. These set out professional guidelines for training, prevention, materials science, radiation protection and scientific integrity. The documents form the basis for international standards and serve as a guide for national associations in formulating their own positions.

### 1. Basic Dental Education

The FDI sets out global minimum standards for dental education. The focus is on competence-based curricula, a foundation in scientific knowledge and training structures that ensure patient safety. The statement is intended to contribute to the harmonisation of training standards worldwide.

### 2. Bisphenol A

The paper assesses the risks posed by bisphenol A in dental materials and calls for exposure to be minimised. The FDI recommends safe alternatives, clear regulatory guidelines and transparent communication with patients.

### 3. Lifelong Oral Health

Oral health is defined as a lifelong process. The statement emphasises prevention, health literacy and the integration of dentistry into interdisciplinary care approaches—from childhood through to old age.

### 4. Minimally Invasive Intervention for Caries Management (MIICM)

The FDI sets out principles for minimally invasive caries treatment: evidence-based diagnosis, remineralisation, patient-centred treatment and clear indications. The statement reinforces the shift towards preventive and tissue-preserving treatment.

### 5. Radiation Safety in Dentistry

Updated standards on radiation protection in dentistry. The FDI emphasises the ALARA principle, the importance of digital imaging, quality control and the responsibility of dental practices to ensure safe procedures.

### 6. Research and Scientific Integrity in Oral Health

The statement sets out requirements regarding scientific quality and transparency: sound study design, data integrity, the handling of conflicts of interest and publication ethics. The aim is to strengthen trustworthy research in the dental sector.

### Conclusion

The 2026 policy statements set out a clear vision for modern, evidence-based and patient-centred dentistry. They address key issues for the future—ranging from training and prevention to materials and radiation protection—and strengthen the scientific credibility of global dentistry.