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Title

Development of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in the Netherlands

Abstract

Development of maxillofacial prosthetics (MFP) in the Netherlands (dental/ prosthetic care for congenital and acquired conditions) was initially based on the financial reimbursement system in the Netherlands and is mainly provided in Institutes called Centers for Special Dental Care. A national MFP training program has been established under the aegis of the NVGPT (the Dutch society on orofacial pain, restorative dentistry and prosthodontics) comprising a 4-year portfolio based training program obtaining clinical skills in one's home center and mainly plenary theoretical education (case presentations, webinars, masterclasses and workshops).

Mainly focusing on Head and Neck Cancer care in the UMCG some of the essentials in the development of MFP care will be highlighted, like the MFP-involvement in the head and neck team (from day 1 of admission), regarding dental issues in radiation therapy patients, regarding MD rehabilitation planning including use of implants in intraoral and extraoral rehabilitation, and final prosthodontic care. Some results of UMCG research will be shared

Biography

- Graduated from Dental School in Groningen, The Netherlands in 1982, and defended his PhD-thesis ('the effect of fluoridated toothpastes on plaque covered enamel in vivo') Groningen, Jan 13th 1988.
- Assistant Professor Dental School University Groningen, 1982-1991.
- Maxillofacial Prosthodontist since 1984 (NVGPT-registered since 2000)
- Head of the UMCG Center for Special Dental Care and Maxillofacial Prosthetics (2003-2023).
- Chair training program Maxillofacial Prosthodontics UMCG since 2003.
- Chair of the NVGPT Dutch National MFP - Training Program Committee
- Past president International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation (ISMR)
- Honorary member Dutch Society for Gnathology and Prosthetic Dentistry (NVGPT); served on the board of the from 1992- 2002
- Rewarded with the J.G. Schuiringa Award on maxillofacial prosthetics (2000)
- (Co)author of several articles on maxillofacial rehabilitation and implant dentistry
- Participated in the organization of several conferences and workshops on maxillofacial rehabilitation.

- Fields of interest concern e.g. the dental/prosthetic treatment of Head-and-Neck Oncology patients and patients with congenital or acquired orofacial defects, and prosthodontic (implant-)treatment in general.